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MOST ACCIDENTS IN HOMES
Majority of Injuries Can Be Traced to the Carelessness of Individuals.

The "safety first" movement is ordinarily understood to mean caution in public, in crossing streets or boarding cars, or carefulness in the factory in handling tools or machinery, but, according to the report of the coroner of Cook county, Illinois, there is more need for "safety first" methods in the home than in the street or factory. In 19 years of the Chicago coroner's incumbency the total number of deaths by accident investigated by his office was 29,864. Of these 15,241 were "accidents at home" and 11,623 "outside the home."

Most of the accidents at home are traceable to carelessness. Burns and scalds caused many deaths. Asphyxiation, poisoning, suffocation, falls, exposure and neglect, careless use of matches, firearms, gas and oil stoves, gasoline, liquid stove polish, defective stovepipes and flues, soot, etc., cost thousands of lives. In Cook county in 1915, 165 children under five years of age were killed by scalds and burns.

Consistency.
"I have no sympathy with female emancipation stuff. The man was made the head of the woman, and the woman ought to accept their own place with meekness and submission."
"I am glad to hear you say so, Mrs. Turleigh. Does your husband share your views?"
"You bet he does. I'd like to hear him dose express any other kind."

As It Appears to Motorists.
Roads—I see the United States contains 2,250,000 miles of public roads.
Greens—I wonder how much of this amount the chickens think they own?

A King in the hand is worth three in the pocket.

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INFECTION IN BOOKS.

Librarians and patrons of libraries for that matter, write from time to time asking whether books convey infection and if so in what way shall they be disinfected.

Ten years ago the opinion was general that people were frequently infected in this way and many inventors were at work devising machinery for the disinfection of books. The problem had its difficulties. The bindings must not be spoiled, the leather was delicate, the paste easily harmed, the paper would not stand wetting.

Formaldehyde does not disinfect dry surfaces. Sulphur fumes require moisture for efficacy, but in the presence of moisture are converted into a destructive gas. Watery solutions were impossible and dipping in gasoline solutions never commended itself. The need seemed great, but the method of making it seemed impossible of ordinary practical application, at least in small libraries.

However, in the last 10 years the scientific trend has been away from the opinion that books convey contagion. It has been proven over and over that the great sources of contagion are persons who are sick with contagion or have recently been in contact with contagion.

There is practically no evidence that books carry contagion. In 1915 Kennard and Dove said: "There is probably no material risk involved in the reuse of books recently read by consumptives unless the books are obviously soiled. Even then the risks are slight." If this opinion is true in relation to books used by consumptives the danger is even less as regards other forms of contagion.

Laubach reports the results of two sets of experiments in the Bulletin of Johns Hopkins hospital. He sought for live diphtheria bacilli in 150 books recently handled by cases of diphtheria. No diphtheria bacilli were found. He examined 75 torn, dirty books which for years had been passing through the hands of children in very unsanitary homes.

No ordinary disease producers were found on any of them. He then smeared the pages of certain books with diphtheria and typhoid germs. He found that when the books were kept in the dark the bacteria remained alive for months. In the light they died in less than 12 days. In the bright sunlight they died in a few hours.

The Journal of the American Medical Association, commenting on these investigations, says: "It would be safest if books handled by patients were thoroughly disinfected. Direct sunlight appears to be as efficient and ready an agent here as elsewhere."

To my mind the proof is clear that the danger of spreading of contagion through books is very slight. The only one of the three tests noted above which indicated any danger was the laboratory test, where the pollution was far greater than ever prevails in practice. I suggest that a library have a shallow box with handles and with a removable glass cover; that circulating books upon each return, and reading room books at weekly intervals be placed in this box and exposed to direct sunlight for five hours. The glass cover is only to be used when soot and dust make it necessary. The box is to be tilted toward the sun. The books are to be opened from time to time, the leaves to be spread apart.

Motor Cars in Evolution.

From the Wall Street Journal.
A recent report of the census bureau shows that in 1914 there were 538,000 carriages and 573,000 wagons manufactured in the United States. The manufacture of wagons was 9 per cent, and of carriages 34 per cent less than in 1909.

These figures do not mean that the people of the United States are doing less riding or trucking. Production of automobiles and auto trucks is rapidly increasing. The estimated output for this year is double that of the preceding season. The output has passed that of wagons and carriages.
The very nature of a farmer's calling makes him practical. When these men by thousands install the automobile on the farm, the presumption is that it is done for the same reason that they buy a harvester, a mowing machine, a hay rake or other labor saving device. These machines save time. The farm that once was 12 miles from town becomes no more than three miles away with the automobile.
Economists tell us that wealth in any form is labor. A woman's gown, for instance, is labor in a concrete form. Not merely the labor of the dressmaker, but of many hands. Trace the material through the spinning and the weaving process back to the cotton gins and the plantation where the cotton was raised. Every step is labor. Every piece of gold that goes through the mint represents labor. That wealth is labor in a concrete form is elementary.

Whatever saves time saves labor and cheapens production. Once the harvest was looked upon as a doubtful proposition. But it has made possible the fields of the west. The electric light was looked upon as of no commercial importance, but it increases efficiency. The steam engine, the telephone and a long list of other inventions once looked upon as playthings, now the audience retires. They are here to stay. The automobile saves time in the creation of wealth. Industry can not afford to do without it.
The luxury of yesterday has become the convenience of today and will be the necessity of tomorrow.

WOMAN'S NERVE.

From the Chicago Evening Post.
Everybody knows what a nervous, hysterical creature a woman is. At Ellis Island, within close range of New York's terrible exploding, were 150 women—wives of the doctors, nurses, matrons, cooks and immigrants. The officials say that out of the 150 women 150 were brave.
Shrapnel fell on Ellis island, but there was no panic. Even the Italian immigrant women kept their heads. They prayed to St. Anthony, but they worked as they prayed, helping remove the children to boats and showing no evidence of panic.

It is not a new story. When there is fire in the hotel it is usually a woman who stays at the switchboard and warns the sleeping guests. When a moving picture theater takes fire it is a woman who sits at the piano and plays while the audience retires. On many a shipwreck and train wreck women have proved calm and courageous.

On the battlefields of Europe many a heroic act has been done by women. Nurses and nurses have lived for days under fire caring for the wounded.
Still, we suppose, people will keep right on talking about weak women, hysterical women, emotional women. Facts have a hard time battering down stupid prejudices.

PORT OF MISSING WHEELS

Writer Throws Some New Light on the Eventual Fate of Bicycles.

Perhaps you have wondered what has become of all the old bicycles. Not so long ago everybody had one—father, mother, children and aunts from the country. And then, in the night, motor cars got cheaper and all the bicycles disappeared. Like the Palm Beach suits they are all here in Florida. There are bicycles everywhere, on the flat, hard beautiful roads, on the curbstones, leaning against the piazzas, in the streets. If the motor car has swept them from the north-figures since the epidemic started was men, women and children on bicycles whirled about the streets, tingling their little bells and the motor-car drivers look out for them. Just beyond the veranda at Palm Beach were hundreds of bicycles waiting to be hired. Out on the shaded roads were other hundreds bearing their gaily attired burdens.

In the lobby, where I was making my way to the desk, were dozens of women dressed for wheeling.—Margaret Tuttle, in Saturday Evening Post.

He Won't Vote.

"I don't like the looks of those Republican nominees," said the barber as he gazed at their bewhiskered portraits.

"But," remarked the man in the chair, "how do you know but what the Democratic nominees use safety razors?"

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FLAG SEEN IN THE CLOUDS

Superstitious in Pennsylvania Town Believed Omen to Foretell War's Approach.

The spectacle of the American flag depicted in its natural colors vividly on low, overhanging clouds one night caused a sensation among superstitious people of Pottsville, Pa., many of whom considered the national emblem in the heavens to be an omen of approaching war.

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