### **EXPECTORATING LAWS** SHOULD BE ENFORCED, SAYS WOMAN LEADER

Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley Would Like to See Men on Their Knees Scrubbing Pavements

SUGGESTS \$100 FINE

Official of Civic Club Points Out Dangers of Disease Through Loathsome Practice

This is the first of a special series of articles written expressly for the Evening Ledger by Imagen B. Onkley, which will appear every Tuesday and which will deal with municipal laws which will deal with municipal laws which every citizen ought to know. Mrs. Oakley is corresponding secretary and a member of the board of directors of the Civic Club, chairman of the Civic Service Reform Committee of the State Federation, advisory chairman of the Civil Service Reform Committee of the Goneral Federation, vice president of the Pennsylvania Limited Suffrage League, a member of the Executive Committee of the Women's League for Good Government and a member of the National Municipal League.

By IMOGEN B. OAKLEY

An ordinance of Councils, approved March 9, 1903, announced to the citizens of Philadelphia

Epectorating upon the sidewalks of the city; on the floors and passageways of public buildings; on the floors of public conveyances propelled by steam, electricity, or otherwise; on the floors of theatres, rallway stations, and other indoor places resorted to by the public, is declared to be a nulsance prejudicial to the health of the city, and is prohibited." The penalty for violating this ordinance is a fine of \$1.

In response to appeals from medical so-

it, for the national habit prevails on our sidewalks quite as off-misvely as before the ordinance was passed. It is not too much to say that every third man one meets upon the streets befouls them in the old, familiar way.

The street cars are cleaner, however, and the Rapid Transit Company shows a commendable disposition to enforce the law in all places under its control. Public halls and railway stations are also cleaner, and as for City Hall, its immaculate condition under the Blanken-burg administration is a convincing proof that the national habit can be checked when the authorities are determined to the authorities are determined to

The Police Department, however, claims that the penalty of \$1 for each offender is so ridiculously small that it does not act as a deterrent. Them by all means, let us have the fine increased to \$190, which is the penalty for public expectoration in Boston, though experience shows that constant remonstrants on the part of the stant remonstrance on the part of the police has just as much effect in the long

state remonstrates on the pair of the police has just as much effect in the long run.

Would it not be a good plan for the Bureau of Health to zend its medical employes to talk to the children in the public schools, to the workmen in mills and factories and to the young men assembled in Y. M. C. A. meetings and cisewhere? A very few lectures, illustrated with lantern slides, ought to be sufficient to teach men and boys that sputum is as offensive to the eye and as dangerous to the health as any other secretion of the body and that all discasses of the throat and lungs may be propagated through its agency.

Physicians say that every death from typhoid fever is a case for the Coroner's jury. And is it not equally clear that every death from grip, pneumonia or pulmonary, tuberculosis should be made an occasion for a coroner's jury to inquire

occasion for a coroner's Jury to inquire into the condition of the streets? In addition to the instruction given by

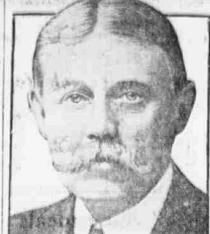
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DR, RICHARD H, HARTE Former Director of Public Health and Charities, who goes to France next month to assist in the Amer-ican Ambulance Hospital.

health officials policemen should be required to warn all offenders in the streets that public expectoration is a source of contagion and therefore forbidden by law. Many men plead that they expectorate publicly only when they have calds, and they hak, "What shall we do if we really

nust expectorate The answer to that question is: "Go home and ask your wife, and whatever she does, you do."

A woman's brain, as compared with a man's, has often been a subject for dis-cussion, but no one has yet donied that her throat and lungs are exactly the same as a man's, and governed by the same laws. Women have as many solds as men have, yet they do not find it necessary to policie the sidewalks.

The tobacco chewer is in a class by himself. Fines and imprisonment are too mild for his offerses against public cleaniness. The only punchment to it his crime is that he should be compelled to clean the inversion which he had polleted. The tobacco chewer surrolled with pail and scrubbing brush, down upon his knees upon the payement would be truly loyous sight. May we all live to

In response to appeals from medical societies and women's clubs all over the State, the Legislature, in 1907, enacted a law which forbids expectoration in the streets of all cities, boroughs and townships, and in all public conveyances of whatsoever description. Hence, when a man spits upon the streets, or the floors of any public building, or conveyance, in Philadelphia, he is violating a State law.

So well as a city ordinance.

For some time after the passage of the Philadelphia ordinance, there was a noticeable improvement in the condition of the streets. Policemen remonstrated with conspicuous offenders, and there were a few arrests. That agitation has been forsoften, and apparently the ordinance with it, for the national habit prevalls on our sidewalks quite as offensively as before the ordinance was passed. It is not too much to say that every third man one meets upon the streets befouls them in

Two Negroes Riddled With Bullets EASTMAN, Ga., Dec. 21-Hidded with bullets, the bodies of Willie Stewart and f muel Bland, negroes, were found early play. The men were taken from the Jall last night and lynched.

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## HEARS SOME OF HIS KIN ESCAPED TURKS' FURY

Armenian Mother, Sister and Niece of Philadelphian Safe in Asia Minor

The mother, sister and niece of Frank Nahlkian, of the firm of Davis Nahikian, of this city, escaped the attacks on the Armenian race in Turkey and are safe near Harpot, in Asia Minor, it was learned today. Mr. Nahikian has received no word of his sister-in-law and other relatives, and fear they were victims of the fury of the Kurds

His brother, Diklan, was slain at the ige of 25 in the massacres of 1996. Dikinn was assisting his aged mother to escape rom their home when the Turks fired three bullets into him and then cut his ody into pieces with their swords. The communications from Turkey in

dicate that a rigid consorship is in

force, Mr. Nahiklan's mother, Quhar, who is SI years old, sought refuse in an was sent by the missionaries with the bare statement that she was there and had not been harmed.

An official of the German orphanage at Mastra wrote Mr. Nahikian telling him of the safety of his nices. The note was written in German and contained no other information. The after mother.

this sister, Maritza, sont him a postcard typing she was safe at Halab with two t her children. Not a word was said

other information. The girl's mother, surer-in-law, was not referred to in

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about her three other children, and the only inference is that they were murdered. The Turkish language was used, and from this Mr. Nabikian infers that no communication in Armenian is allowed to be sent from the country. Mr. Nahikian has received no word of another sister and her 10 children.

Mr. Nihikian came to this country when he was 16 years old. For 2s years he has been in business here. A brother was a member of the old firm of Nahikian & Krikorian, Turkish run dealers, with offices at 1529 Chestnut street.

#### BILL HOLLENBACK TURNS NOVELIST

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that was to victory. There was a definite system and any fellow that didn't come up to the mark or didn't like the rules and methods was not tolerated. The funny part of it was that every one did like them, but if any one does find nies in the book for the old system of coaching I will not complain, for it made men out of the players, and, as I said before, it won sames."

Thomas Marshall Vandergrift is the flowing monaker "Big Bill" calls himself in the book, while his brother Jawn is no less flossly attired as Robert Lynne Van, etc. The charming "Betty" of the story is Miss Jeanette Hollenback of residence.

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## particularly to Philadelphians. Franklin Field, the training quarters, classrooms and even the favorite "midnight grub joints" of the students are all setting for the swift action. Homes along the Main Line figure, as do many other places with which students and local folk are familiar. Every other page contains a good punch, generally some incident that actually happened in the snappy, scrappy college days of "Hig Bill" himself. The tale winds up in a shower of glory

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that sounds like the rankest kind of fiction. The quarterback jumps over the
heads of three Harvard players and
makes the winning touchdown. But the
quarterback it drawn from the life and
works of one Vince Stevenson, who notvally accomplished this grasshopper
stunt, it being about the most spectacular touchdown of any game. "Big Bill"
then puts the game on ice with a field
goal and looks up into the "lovelit blue
eyes of—You, Florence: yes, Tom," but
Hollenback does not tell who "Florence"
was in real life. was in real life.



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ciates in the building. Mr. Felton entered the city's service as Mr. Felton entered the city service is a page of Common Council, December 21, 1871. He was later made assistant measurager, and several years ago rose to the position of committee cierk. He was appointed to his present place in 1911, after the death of George W. Kocher-

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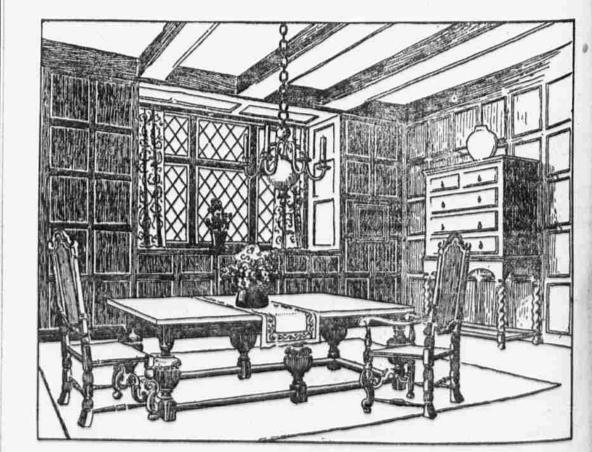
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