

A NEW PARISIAN VICE

They Are Now Hitting the Naphtha Pipe in the Gay City.

DELIGHTS THAT LEAD TO DEATH.

The Discoverer of the New Intoxicant Describes Its Effects.

OIL AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR OPIUM

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Wilmet J. Wycoff, a chemist, of Braden, who has lately been with an oil manufacturing firm at Baku, Russia, has related to me an interesting circumstance in connection with the queer uses to which the products of petroleum are put. Mr. Wycoff thinks that petroleum from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Russian fields enters into the manufacture of not less than 300 articles which are in daily use. Lately it is figuring in medicine, and he thinks we will hear more of it in this connection. But decidedly the oddest use to which he knows it to be put came under his observation in Paris last month. Mr. Wycoff stopped there two weeks on his way to New York from Baku, and while there investigated a rumor that the girls employed in a factory were inhaling the fumes of naphtha, which they found to be a mild intoxicant. He satisfied himself that in one factory where naphtha was largely used it was by no means an uncommon practice.

The naphtha is kept in reservoirs and is drawn off through pipes as it is wanted for use. By accident perhaps some of the female operatives made the discovery that the fumes from these reservoirs had a peculiar and pleasant effect upon them, and from this the initiated fell into the habit of going regularly to the valves and inhaling the fumes. "I ventured upon the experiment myself," said Mr. Wycoff, "and I am quite sure that if persisted in it would have the strange effect described to me. I have tried to tell you all she knew about the alleged practice.

Effects of Naphtha Inebriation. "She was not over 18 years of age, very bright and intelligent, and at one time had been a nurse in a hospital. She had frequently witnessed the operation of etherizing a patient, and it is not unlikely that she made the discovery concerning the naphtha fumes and got the idea from either or some female operatives in the sick room. She said the knowledge regarding the naphtha inebriation was not general among the girls in the factory, but probably a dozen congenial spirits knew of it and availed themselves of it quite regularly. One or two young men whom she knew in the factory were not above indulging in the mild drunkenness. For herself she felt no ill effects from the habit, but she believed some of the more delicate girls had. She did not think it would injure her in any way, and had not thought about quitting it. The foreman, she thought, did not know that the girls indulged in the habit, or if he did, he had made no attempt to stop it. The girls took the draught on the sly and usually just before going home, although two or three times a day, if the opportunity offered, they would take what in English would be described as 'a little nip.'"

The French girl described to Mr. Wycoff how the naphtha fumes affected her, and the sensation seems to be something akin to hashish or opium. The girl said she had taken hashish a few times, but liked the

naphtha fumes better, because they were easier to take. All that was necessary was to inhale them from the pipes and the work was done. Besides the latter cost nothing, which was an important item to a girl on small wages. As Mr. Wycoff understood the girl's description, a languorous and pleasant sensation came over her, and when she would drop off to sleep very delightful visions were the result. She did not live far from the factory, and just before starting home she would indulge freely in the naphtha fumes, and by the time the effects of the draught were coming on she would be in her room, and, throwing herself on the bed, would experience whatever pleasure there was in such a strange debauch. The sensation resulting from a good pull at the pipes would usually last three-quarters of an hour.

Delightful Visions and Langor. In most cases the narcotic influence of the fumes would produce sleep which would cover half of this time, but although there was not absolute sleep the condition was closely bordering on slumber, and the effect was about the same. The same delightful visions were present and a delicious langor possessed the mind and body, which the deluded victim of this vice persisted in believing could not be otherwise than a good thing for her.

Other girls who indulged themselves in this method of "hitting the pipe" confessed to about the same experience, and none of them would admit that they had at any time felt any ill effects from it. From a physician Mr. Wycoff learned, what might be expected, that naphtha fumes, when habitually inhaled, will produce all the horrors of opium. The physician had been called to attend a woman with an aggravated case of hysterical convulsions. He found her eyes wild and staring, her face and limbs swelled, and with a high fever. She had been suffering with hysteria for some weeks before he was called to attend her. He found that she had been a victim of the naphtha habit and had indulged far beyond her strength to endure it. She was removed to a hospital, but in spite of all treatment her condition grew worse and finally developed into epilepsy in its worst form. She was still alive when Mr. Wycoff was in Paris, but there was but small hope that she would ever be well. Her brain was badly affected and she was little better than a mental and physical wreck, and resulting, as the physicians believed, from inhaling the fumes of naphtha.

Crude Oil as a Beverage. A tramp who was given employment about a well in the Armstrong Run district, near Brady's Bend, Pa., was known to take regularly a drink of crude oil fresh from the well. It was in the stipulations that the tramp was not to invite his soul with whiskey while employed, and as it seemed to be necessary that he should have something to brace up on he had recourse to the oil, which, when taken fresh from the pipes, strongly impregnated with gas. This he declared, was a very good substitute for rum, but no one else on the job cared to verify his statement by drinking it. He took his libations alone and in silence, and so far as anyone could see—and we need to watch him pretty closely for results—was entirely satisfactory to him. It produced in his system a mild exhilaration which seemed to better reconcile him to lingering in this vale of tears. As to the taste of the oil, he said he did not mind it—it was not the taste he was after.

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