

AN OPIUM-EATER'S MISERY.

How the Slaves of the Poppy are Lured to Destruction.

A quarter of a century ago an opium-eater... by which is meant a person who habitually uses opium or its preparations as a stimulant...

The facilities for indulging in opium stimulation explain the prevalence of the habit among the better classes. The gentleman who would not be seen in a barroom, however respectable, or who would not purchase liquor and use it at home, lest the odor might be detected upon his person, procures his supply of morphia and has it in his pocket ready for instantaneous use.

The careless manner in which physicians prescribe opiates, and the prevailing custom among druggists of duplicating prescriptions, are prolific sources of the evil. The physician prescribes morphia for a patient suffering from painful disease, and relief is obtained. Moreover, the sensations experienced under the influence of the medicine are peculiarly pleasurable.

The direct constitutional effects arising from the use of opium are loss of appetite, nervousness, tremor, insomnia, hyperaesthesia, lessened secretions, emaciation and low temperature, the two latter arising from the arrest of metamorphosis, upon which the nutrition and warmth of the body depend.

"Wild Bill."

The surrender of Sitting Bull recalls one of the "genuine Indian scouts" of General Custer. He was a fellow of the most singular temperament, and was known on the plains as Wild Bill, altho his actual name was James Hickok.

Although he carried a dozen bullets, more or less, deeply imbedded in his flesh, Wild Bill never sustained an internal wound. He was killed while playing cards, by a scoundrel who, for \$500 blood-money paid him by gamblers, sneaked up behind him and blew his brains out.

The Mexican government has now issued orders that no soldier guarding a powder magazine can smoke while on duty, and some of the Mexican papers support the arbitrary ruling.

can relieve. The agony of this state is indescribable, the craving for opium so maddening and irresistible that no sacrifice would be too great that would afford relief.

The pleasures so ably described by De Quincey are only for the tyro; those confirmed in the habit rarely taste them, and only at the expense of a considerable increase of the dose. The latter use the drug, not from the pleasurable sensations experienced from its use, but to escape the misery resulting from abstinence therefrom.

The quantity of opiates which the system will learn by constant use to tolerate is almost incredible. Few persons who have been subject to the habit for a year or more use less than from five to ten grains of morphia, or its equivalent in other preparations, daily.

The Chinese consume large quantities of opium, and the people of the East—Mohammedans—use it as a stimulant, alcoholic liquors being forbidden by their religion. Such cases as those mentioned in the Medical Record and National Dispensary are exceptional, however, and prove nothing, except that some people have remarkably good constitutions, capable of withstanding an extraordinary amount of abuse.

All kinds of burns, including scalds and sunburns, are almost immediately relieved by the application of a solution of soda to the burnt surface. It must be remembered that dry soda will not do unless it is surrounded with a cloth moist enough to dissolve it.

QUIDDITIES.

All the natives of high northern latitudes are short, measuring little more than four feet.

Elephants have been known to live 400 years, and it is supposed whales may live 1,000 years.

The Druids gathered their sacred mistletoe with a gold knife when the moon was six days old.

A glass globe full of cold water or even a lump of ice, will in the sun's rays act as a burning lens.

Thunder can scarcely ever be heard more than twenty or thirty miles from the flash that produced it.

The door-plates of three houses standing side by side in Boston read as follows: Goodman, Kneeland, Pray.

The latest application of paper is the adoption of paper plates by some of the great restaurants and cafes in Berlin.

The biggest moustache on record is the one Michael Angelo cut on his statue of Moses. It weighs a ton and a half.

Lord Denman rides about London behind a near-sighted horse, which is enabled to see as well as other horses by wearing spectacles.

HEALTH HINTS.

The Medical Record, speaking of warm milk as a beverage, says: "Milk heated to much above 100 deg. F. loses for the time a degree of its sweetness and its density. No one who, fatigued by over-exertion of body and mind, has ever experienced the reviving influence of a tumbler of this beverage, heated as hot as it can be sipped, will willingly forego a resort to it because of its having been rendered less acceptable to the palate."

The French commissioners on the hygiene of infancy, in awarding the prize in a competition of essayists, report that the conclusion generally arrived at leads to the following recommendations: No child should be reared on artificial food when the mother can suckle it, but such food is preferable to placing the child with a wet nurse, poorly remunerated and living at her own home.

Although salicylic acid, from having been too highly extolled, has fallen somewhat into disfavor, there can be no doubt that it is useful in the case of bee stings. An Austrian paper recommends the following treatment: First, to remove the sting as quickly as possible with a forceps or by scratching with a finger, but never the thumb and forefinger, because this squeezes more of the poison into the wound.

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A strong statement unqualifiedly indorsed must induce confidence. In this connection we note the following from Dr. Louis Book & Son, Sheboygan, Wis.: We have been handling St. Jacobs Oil and are pleased with the large demand. Hardly a day goes by without hearing from some one or another of our patrons having used it with entire satisfaction, saying it is the best thing they ever tried, and we join them in so saying.

Varnished Melons. A lady has discovered a plan to keep watermelons in their natural form and flavor for an indefinite length of time. She has successfully tried it in past seasons, and, as a consequence, has been able to treat her family to a watermelon supper at Christmas time. The plan is an extensive one, and consists in giving the melon three or four coats of varnish to exclude the air. She says they not only keep from decay, but that the flavor and sweetness are retained, and when eaten at Christmas or New Year's the fruit seems to be wonderfully improved in these particulars.—Harrisburg Patriot.

Mr. M. F. Morse, Westboro, Mass., mentions to us the gratifying information that St. Jacobs Oil relieved him of a very severe attack of sciatic rheumatism and is an excellent thing.

Chains and linked rings are among the new designs in satin and velvet brocades. They are prettier than the spades, clubs, hearts and diamonds of last year.

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