Touching thee lightly with tenderes Sorrow and death they have often bro nigh thee, Yet they have left thee but beauty to

Growing old gracefully,

Gracefully fair. Far from the storms that are lashing the Nearer each day to the pleasant

Far from the waves that are big Growing old gracefully, Cheerful and bright.

Past all the winds that were adverse an Past all the islands that lured thee Past all the currents that lured thee un willing Far from any course to the land of the

Growing old gracefully, Peaceful and blest.

Never a feeling of envy or sorrow When the bright faces of children Never a year from the young wouldst thou Thou dost remember what lieth be Growing old willingly,

Rick in experience that angels might Rich in a faith that hath grown Rich in a love that grew from and above

Soothing thy sorrows and hushing the Growing old wealthily, Loving and dear.

Hearts at the sound of thy coming are Ready and willing the hand to relieve Many a face at thy kind word has bright-"It is more blessed to give than re-

Growing old happily, Consing to grieve.

Eyes that grow dim to earth and its giory Have a sweet recompense youth cannot Drink in the songs that from Paradise

Growing old graciously. Purer than snow.

TWO BAGS AND A BLUNDER.

that all right!" ing emphasis on the second word in the agility of a monkey, but the platform last sentence, as Col. Sowerby took the was deserted. hat box from his hands with a surly

gage office had dubbed him "Blunder- six months for this job."

ful one of blundering out again. "Von do well to speak cautionsly,

> mangle or a feather you fellows," retorted I shall blunder into f these days."

you know," remarked anw's head over ears in love, xpected toger suddenly dropped the

ared at the window. he roared, stamping his me? You, you 1, singling out the

t, on name?" e matter?' faltered Sam. rty, sir!" roared the indig

g of the most flery hue-possibly the per'y of a traveling comedian. "My oparty, sir? Does it look like it?"
And as the infuriated colonel removed hat to wipe his perspiring forehead n was obliged to admit that it did of look like it. No wig in the world would have stood against the aggress ve bristles on the head of the Anglo-

In a few minutes Sam had discovered an apology.

ogize to me, sir!" stormed s he stumped away. "I'll air! By the Great Mogul. and loyer, Sam mentioned

the sweetheart in the k a very gloomy

blunder, of course, Sal m; "but it's useless

g trouble unif way." you sure these mistakes are all ne result of accidents?" asked Sally. Wouldn't it be possible for somebody to change the checks on the articles

vithout your knowledge?" "Of course it would," responded Sam; but I don't believe there's a fellow in he office would serve me such a trick.

o. Sally, I'm in for a run of bad luck.

"The colonel is sure to report you nd whatever will you do if you lose was exceedingly thoughtful for:

by." he said at length, "there' of things I've never tried yet. I id turn milkman, messenger, porter vate detective by Jove; that's just

sten to this:" copy of an evening paper locket, Sam read aloud: Loward.-The above reward paid to any person-not being il thief-giving such informadamburg,'s jewels, stolen from pick up his hat, I caught a glimpse of different from the slow torture of bewir." u. Police Station, Midhampton,

want at the Mount Hotel on the t of Friday last.-Chief Inspector e you are," went on Sam. "Bimigh isn't it? Good pay, tool"." ou get it," laughed Sally. "You him?" et out a fine figure as a detective fancy yourself with false whis-

wish you wouldn't mention wigs," Sam grimly; "I'm beginning to the sight of 'em. The colonel's af. was bad enough, but goodunes;

"What? Another blunder?" gasped

"Yes! Another one, and a wig in it too! I didn't mean troubling you about it, but the murder's out now. There was a sudden rush of business this afternoon, and I happened to be the only "Everybody appeared to be in a hur

ry, and to save time I pushed the

things, with the checks on top, to one

side till the rush was over. In taking

in the last package I knocked over a couple of brown leather bags, checks as well, of course. "Now those confounded bags are as much alike as two peas, and the question is, Which is which? The one was handed in by a dapper little fellow—gentleman, every inch of him, I should say; the other was a very suspicious

looking customer, who were a straw colored wig. "I wouldn't trust that fellow any far ther than I could throw him, and, as likely as not, he'll get hold of the other chap's bag, as there's nothing for it but first come, first served. Now, what is a fellow to do?"

Sally didn't know. Sam was standing at the window of the Left Luggage Office on the follow ing morning when a gentleman in

light overcoat hurried past.
"Hullo!" he muttered, "that's my dap per little gent of yesterday. Doesn't ppear to be coming for his bag. By ove! I've an idea, and I'll work it if l get the sack. Hil Mister!"

retraced his steps. Sam, on the spur of the moment, had decided on a desperate expedient. Seizing one of the lown leather bags at his side, he hurriedly whispered: "Quick, mister! Open it and satisfy

The gentleman merely stared, and made no effort to take the bag. "For goodness sake, don't besitate,

sir," implored Sam. "I couldn't trust the other fellow for the world. If you don't take just one peep, sir, you may never have another chance. Lean over the window so that nobody will see its head. You!" "But, my dear fellow," gasped the

other; "do you know---' "I know it's not business," interrupted Sam; "but I'm desperate, and it's the only way. Everything depends on

try, if you will stand all risks __" "I'll stand hanging," said Sam fierce

ly, "only open it." Thus urged, the stranger produced a bunch of keys; and at the third attempt the bag was opened. The result was hardly what Sam had anticipated. The gentleman stared into the open bag as if he could scarcely believe his eyes. Then he closed it with the remark:

"You've done a good day's work, Yes, sir: No. 23975-Brown hat-box1 focus man!" There you are, sir! I think you'll find | And before Sam could get in a word. mat and bag had vanished. Sam Sam Merry had good grounds for lay- skipped round the counter with the

"Good gracious!" he gasped. "The grunt and waddled off down the plat fellow's booked it! It ain't his bag, I'll bet my life. What on earth did I trust Sam had made so many mistakes of him for? Done a good day's work. late that his mates in the Left Lug- bave 1? I shall be lucky if I don't do

ing Sam," However Sam was of a For the next few minutes Sam, sit heartal disposition, and it would take ting in the Left Luggage Office, gave a very long run of ill-luck to shake his himself to despair. A horrible certainty had suddenly dawned upon him. He had a wonderful way in getting The man who had carried off the bag into hot water, but a far more wonder- was not the "dapper little gent" of the day before!

"Their voices ain't a bit alike," groan sure you didn't give never noticed it till too late. It strikes me I'm the biggest ass unburied." "What's the matter, Sam?" asked a clerk who entered at that moment.

"What's always the matter?" demanded Sam flercely. "I'm in hot water again, that's all!" 's every excuse for Sam! "Ch! Then you've heard?"

"Heard what?" "The station-master wants to see you in his office. He's got a visitor-Col.

e purple face of old Col. Sowerby, I expect! Hope you'll come through all right!" "Don't care whether I do or not," rehs luck would have marked Sam recklessly, as he turned at his audience with a towards the station master's office. upt at dignity. "Where "What's the colonel's affair now? A mere fleabite compared to this!"

The station master's visitor was not nat do yo) mean by it. Col. Sowerby, after all. To the unbounded astonishment of Sam Merry, it was the mysterious stranger who and walked off with the bag.

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"This is the man," remarked that inant old warrior, diving his hand into dividual as Sam entered the private c hat-box, and producing therefrom a office of his superior. "If you don't mind, Mr .- er-Merry, I want to ask you a question or two." Sam offered no objection; the cool im

> pudence of this bag-snatcher had taken "By some means or another," were

on the stranger, "you have discovered who I am." Sam, of course, had discovered noth

ing of the kind. By a strange stroke of salonel's hat-box, and handed it luck, however, he did not feel called apon to speak. "Now," went on Sam's questioner. when was this bag left in your

charge?" "Three-forty-five yesterday after "Can you describe the man who left

Sam hesitated. He had good reasons doubt his ability to do so. Matters vere getting complicated, and for the moment he hardly knew whether he stood on his head or on his heels. For-

"Don't be afraid, Merry," he said encouragingly. "You have full permisdon to speak in a case like this. Detective Lenham will betray no business

Detective Denham! Sam had beard its name mentioned more than once in connection with the Manburg jewel robbery. Where on earth was this breathed, but anyone who has attemptdunder going to end, he wondered. "I don't know whether I can describe

the man exactly," Sam remarked at she stuff one breathes, but on the fact length, "but I think I should know him than one cannot breathe at all. The egain if I saw him. He was a tall, thin lungs are as much deprived of their 'ellow, clean shaved, and wore a strawcolored wig!"

"A wig!" ejaculated Detective Den-"That's so," replied 8am, "though not me in twenty would have noticed it." fight for breath, and finally the death fust as he handed in his bag an old from suffocation, we must remember furmer furched heavily against him and that all this is often a matter of short snocked his hat off. As he stooped to duration, and that it is something very he dark hair under the edge of his ing burned alive."-The Hospital.

"Hum?" mused the detective. "Dark pair—that's all right. You say you would know the man again of you saw

"Yes." "Yery well! We'll take a cab to the police station. If you find the fellow here, all the better. Anyhow, you're good even if the person insured company to the policy holding the person insured company to the person insured to the incled to the reward. The jewels, in mitted swicide within two months Miprobability, would never have been after it was issued. She is now suing drovered but for your clever, though 'er a divorce. amewhat risky expedient"

and accepted the hearty congratule ions of the detective and station mar

"Hanged if I can understand it!" be muttered to himself on the way to the colice station. "Luck appears to be rolling on me just at present, I've done something clever—that's certain; but what, how, when, where, and why, everybody seems to know but me. I'd

At the police station Sam had no dif lculty in picking out his man from s ozen others, to the delight of Detectve Denham and the chagrin of the

"Don't give way. Peters," said the letective to the prisoner. "You'll have ompany as soon as your mate turns up at the Left Luggage Office with the beck for that brown bag."

Little by little Sam came to realt be clever thing he had done. At the office he was "Blundering Sam" no longer. At one stroke he had ecured a small fortune-for the nunfred pounds reward was duly paid over and a much needed reputation for

Only Sam and Sally, his wife, know he true facts.—Saturday Evening Post

RAM'S HORN BLASTS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked SAD countenance is the hypocrite's favorite mask. The devil fear a praying mother It is right to fast, but it is

wrong to look warned his disciples against hypocrisy about as frequently as he did

against sin. Sin feels safe as long as it can hide A fool has to find out for himself that

fire is hot. No fish gets away that bites at th devil's book. The devil's favorite pew in church

We may kill God's man, but we can not kill his truth. It is a waste of breath to talk any

ouder than we live The man who deserves riches can e rich without them.

If you want to do something, find or vho believes something. No man is fit for heaven who wants somebody else kept out.

The older the Christian. he will find God's Book. It is better to be a mustard seed that mountain of dead rock.

There are too many church member and not enough Christians. Our lives please God when they make

sinners want to know Christ It never hurts God's work any fo people to get mad at his truth. God can see fewels where we wou

ec only common sand and gravel. An extravagant man loves to lectur his wife on the beauty of economy. Next to hearing a hypocrite pray, the devil loves to hear a stingy man talk ic

Open the door of your heart to Christ and He will open the windows of heav

An opportunity to help the poor is a

chance Christ has given us to do some thing for him. How small God's army always seems to be when we take it upon ourselves to number it.

God will give us strength to resist

temptation if we will use it to walk away from bad company.

DEATH FROM FIRE

Lethal Sleep Enfolds the Victim Be "Those who lose their lives in con flagrations do not by any means al ways suffer physical pain. In many eases, no doubt, sharp terror is the one thing of which the victim is conscious, and in many more, strange as it may seem, consciousness plays no part, life ceasing painlessly and without a struggle. In great conflagrations gases are produced which have much the same effect as chloroform or similar anesthetics, and it is a fact that of catastrophes a considerable proportion pass into death without any evidence of having suffered. This result is produced especially when a fire has smotdered, when the access of air has first been insufficient to cause complete combustion, and when that deadi- gas, carbonic oxide, has sent its victims into lethal sleep before the actual flames

have reached them. "Of those, however, who have evi dently s.ruggled and fought and whose charred corpses are afterward found in attitudes suggestive of violent efforts made in attempting to escape it must not be imagined that they have of ne cessity been burned alive and have died in the agony which such contor-

tions are popularly imagined to ex-Death 1.om agony is really death from shock, a condition in which the body is limp and helpless; whereas in death from suffocation struggling may go on even after conscitunately, the station master came to his passed, and the strained attitude of the corpse may be expressive only of the final paroxysmal effort made in a state

"Suffocation in fire depends on some thing more than mere carbonic acid ing. It is the stoppage of the breathing by the stifling vapors which does the mischief. Carbonic acid would doubtless kill if it could be ed to enter a burning building will know that suffocation depends not on supply of oxygen as if the sufferer were plunged over head in water, and the struggle produced is much the same. While, then, we must admit the horror of the moment, the terror, the

His Wife Hypnotized. A flamburg woman who insisted on committing suicide on a fixed date, with no apparent reason, has been dis covered by Professor Krafft-Ebing of Vienna to have been hypnotized by

DEPARTMENT FOR LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS.

ething that VIII Interest the Ju venile Members of Every Household -Quaint Actions and Bright Sayings of Many Cute and Counting Children.

When noons are hot and very still, It's ho for the sprite that lives on th Over the stones in the mountain broc On shrest wave that the hill-folk know Through sunny open and lonfy alley-Down he hies him into the valley. Then the thistle-wheel round and re Goes rolling and rolling without a sou And a silver shimmer rups over the po

And he runs after, and on beyond, Swings the wild cherries asleep by Ruffs the fur of a sontrrelland that is all. while of sweet from the wood or He is here again, on the back of a shade

And it's crinkle on crinkle along the track His quick feet make on the shadow's back. Off he jumps, and, whisking up, Spills sonshine out of a buttercup, And reliow bugs, all shiny and lazy, Tumbles headlong off the daisy, He tickles the rib of a fat old toad; e smothers the multeins with si

The fusia just beginning-still all still!

The sprite has gone home to the top

What the Spider Faid "I was spinning a web in the ros ine," said the spider, "and the little girl was sewing patchwork on the doorstep. Her thread knotted and ber needie broke, and her eyes were full of

tears. 'I can't do it,' she said: 'I can't' I can't! "Then her mother came, and bade her look at me. Now, every time I spun a nice, sliky thread and tried to fasten it from one branch to another

the wind blew and tore it away. "This happened many times, but at ast I made one that did not break and fastened it close and spun other threads to join it. Then the mothe

" 'What a patient spider!' she said. "The little girl smiled, too, and took The little girl smiled, too, and took only police force in the Kingdom which ap her work. And when the sun went down there was a beautiful web in the rose vine and a square of beautiful ciplined as soldiers. rose vine and a square of beautiful patchwork on the step."-Babyland

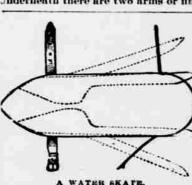
Princess Longed for a Playfellow. There is an article written by James The thieves of Great Britain steal Cassidy in St. Nicholas on the "Girlnood Days of England's Queen." Mr | year. 'assiday says:

There were in the life of the Princess ays when she longed for companions of her own age. Her mother, guessing his longing, was very tender and gen this longing, was very tender and gen-tile with her, and considered often how and 1886. est to make up for this lack. Once he Duchess, it is said, thinking to please per daughter, "sent for a noted childperformer of the day, called 'Lyra,' hat she might amuse 'Drina with some on one occasion," writes the biogra- and Lapan. her, "while the young musician was daving one of her favorite airs, the Duchess, perceiving how deeply her Alleghany, Pa., March 19, 1891. aughter's attention was engressed with the music, left the room for a few ninutes. When she returned she found he harp deserted. The heiress of En-tragic, and they are not likely to pass rland had beguiled the juvenile min- away with the days which gave them strel from her instrument by the dis- birth. Little things seem so big to us day of some of her costly toys, and then, and big things so impossible he children were discovered, scated bear!

made much of on account of the adwhich she was making the most liberal elections for the acceptance of poor mirable standing of her family in the ittle Lyrn." Fkating Through the Water. You have all heard of the boy who

ried to skate on the water by fastenng two barrel staves to his feet, aven't you, and what disaster resulted rom the experiment? Well, a clever Eastern inventor has oy can skate in the water, if not on

ande what he claims to be a good rater skate by means of which any ts surface, and do it very easily and omportably. The "water skate" is now!" imply made. It consists merely of a hick board cut in the shape of a mocasin sole, as shown in the picture Inderneath there are two arms or fins



A WATER SKATE he front. Thus when the foot, to which the skate has been attached by neans of straps, is thrust forward the wo fins remain closed, offering little r no resistance to the water. But hen the stroke forward is finished and he water walker wishes to take anothr step these fins open out and prevent gater. Simple, isn't it? With these kates it is said that a boy can mainain the position of treading water and t the same time walk shead at a good rood, also help to support his weight.

Good News for Children Nod has put sugar in almost every ar- was an old and precious set. You were icle of human food, from the mother's mik to all the berries and vegetables pea which man subsists. Persons with natural appetites monally love sweet things. When their tongues are so clumsy!" tanned by tea, tobacco and Bimilar abominations, until they feel like the sach other, and there were tears in man who said, "I'd rather have one their eyes. The older one bent for haw of terbacker than all the apples ward. that ever grew," they lose the taste for

It has been often said that sugar rots he teeth; but the Daily Lancet says oncerning this notion: "The belief that sugar ruins the teeth

f children is utterly groundless. Inleed, how the idea ever came into exstence is a mystery, seeing that the inest, whitest and strongest teeth are ound in mouths of negroes brought up on sugar plantations, who, from their arliest years upward, consume more sugar than any other class of people whatever. Those at all skeptical of the ralue of this fact have only to look round among their personal friends and ee whether the sugar-eaters or the ugar-shunners have the finest teeth and they will find-other things being squal-that the sugar-eaters, as a rule have the best teeth. The only possib way for accounting for this libel igninst sugar seems to be by suppos-ng that it originated in the brain of one of our economically-inclined great- but not after William had said 'yes.' grandmothers, at a time when sugar

As one in a dream, Sam Merry bears CHILDREN'S COLUMN. | was two shiftings a pound, in order to prevent her children gratifying their ravings for sweets at the expense of

he contents of the sugar-basin." Doubtless the sweet in sugar may be too much concentrated for health. It would probably be better to get the sweet from dates, figs, and the like, if were obtainable. But sugar dis solved in water and caten with bread or drank as a beverage, is no doubt a very good substitute for the sweet tropleal fruits. Of course persons may ent too much of sugar or anything else, and an overload of any food will sour and decay in the stomach and the acid may cause decay of the teeth, and the stomach may become so diseased that vugar or anything else will not digest properly; but in moderate quantities probably a healthy food for healthy persons; and at present prices most people can afford to use it freely. It is of vegetable origin and is digestible, and will satisfy hunger and afford healthful than salt, which is a mineral will dissolve but will not digest, w'll cause thirst but will not satisfy hon ger, and irritates the taste and injures the system wherever it goes.—The

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The sorrows of childhood are very from spent her childhood, and there she was

> But at one such festivity she was seen to be manifestly uncomfortable, and very early proposed to the lady who had come with her that they should take their leave. "Why, you'll break up the party!" said the other. "Aren't you well?" "Yes." was the hesitating answer

community. One tea party after an-

other was given for her, and at each

she was the happy center of attention.

quite well-but-oh, there she comes "Mrs. Lane, isn't it? The lady in the gray silk. Some one said it was she, I haven't seen her for twenty-five

rears." "Yes, that's Mrs. Lane, and she's com ing to speak to you. Why, what makes you so embarrassed?" For the guest of honor was flushing

and dropping her glance before the sweet old lady who approached. "Well, my dear," said the latter; "you don't know he, but I remember you when you were a little girl, as pretty as

Then the visitor suddenly laughed ut in the midst of her embarrassment. "But I do remember you, Mrs. Lane," she said, "and if I had been sure of meeting you here. I should never have had the courage to come here to-day." Everybody stared, and the dear old lady began to look pained and troubled. "When I was a very little girl," the lady went on, still smiling, "I went to a children's party at your house. We had little ten-tables set out on the lawn, and I, shy and very awkward, fell against one and knocked it over he foot from sliding back through the with sandwiches, cake and lemonadel Worse than all, at least six plates of your delicate china were broken. My heart was broken, too; but when I heard a servant mutter, 'Clumsyl' it

ate of speed. The skates, being of seemed to me the wound never would heal. And it never has, quite! "Sometimes I wake up at night and member your broken china, and try The appetite for sweets is natural to think whether I ever heard that it kindness itself at the time, but I have always felt that if ever ye met you would know me by instinct, and say to yourself, 'That's the little girl who was The two women came a step nearer

> "You dear child!" said she. "I'd for gotten all about it. And I'd rather mash all the china I ever had with me own hands than have had any human

reature suffer sof The kissed each other, and at least ne wound in the world was healed.

A Small Painting. Perhaps the smallest piece of paint ng in the world is that executed by a Clemish artist. It is painted on the mooth side of a grain of common chite corn, and pictures a mill and a niller with a sack of grain on his back, be miller is represented as standing n a terrace, and near it is a horse and ert, while a group of several peasants shown in the road near by.

Mrs. Newed-Was I nervous, dear, during the ceremony?" Miss Spitegirl-"Well, a trifle at first, darling,

Three Good Liars. The men who utilize the corne procesy for a club room in the evening and on stormy days had just been dis cussing a fox hunt, about which on of their number had read aloud, when the conversation naturally took a rem

niscent turn. "Nothing cuter or more cunning he world than a fox," said Goggs, by way of introduction. "I remember one ight when I was a boy that we heard great fuss among the dogs that were halped up. It took us about half an our to get dressed and armed to sally orth for the purpose of investigating. ot discovering anything, we loosened the dogs, and they darted off on a trail, yelping as they went. We didn't know whether it was man or varmint but efter a long run the dogs brought up at the hen house and tried to tear down. Well sir, an old fox had eliberately showed himself to the ogs, so as to excite them, made that un while we were getting ready for rouble and, circling round, was robbing the roost while the dogs were off he premises."

'I walked up one moonlight night,' olunteered the man on the wood box and seen a fox under an apple tree where a fat pullet was roosting. I tnew the thief couldn't climb so I just stood at the window laughing. The fox barked to wake the chicken, and hen began circling around the tree dow at first, but going faster and aster. Of course the terrified pullet followed him with her eyes and got to dizze that she fell out of the tree "I see somethin' like that once," said he lank individual on a paint keg, only that the chicken I was watchin wrong its own neck, 'cause the for was goin' so duracd fast." Then, by common consent, the crowd

ook up the subject of fluids.-Detroit Free Press.

Steering Without a Compass. Gustav Kobbe contributes an article rith the above title to St. Nicholas. Mr. Kobbe says: Sallors steer by the wake of the ship.

When a versel is running free-that is, with the wind dead astern-she must leave a straight wake or she is not run ning a straight course. When she is on the wind," her canvas full, not shivering—when she is

As near as she will lie her wake will be at an angle greater of ess according to the force of the wind and the speed of the vessel. This angle measures what we call the ship's "leeway"-that which she loses from a true fees are adulterated with chicory, inse. With a vessel hove to in a gale, the leeway becomes very large,

and is called the "drift." Coasting craft steer by the line of white surf on the shore, or in thick weather by its roor as it breaks on the beach or rocks. They haul in to catch the sound, then keep off until they lose it, and then haul in again to a central ine and maintain it. An old sea-dog once told me that one thick night coming up along the coast with a head wind so that they had to tack in and off shore, they sailed their tacks, or ran their "legs," by candles-running off shore long enough to burn out two candles, but burning only one for the in-

The Aingka steamers on the inside route between the main coast and numerous outlying islands steer, even in running through the narrowest channels, by the varying echoes of the pad-

bor, keep in any fifteen, twenty, forty fathoms, no less, until you get ten fathoms. If then the lead shows fine white sand, look out for Sandy Hook lightship. Coarse yellow sand will land you on Fire Island

Cashler at bank-"You will have to bring some one to identify you before we can cash this check. Got any friends in the town?" Stranger-"No: Um the dog license man."-Comic Cuts

Prof. Start-Mr. Blinks, tell us wha von know about the Ptolemaic epicy-Mr. Blinks-They were invented in

1869, but have been succeeded by the modern safety. - Minneapolis Journal. A man cannot be convicted, according to Chinese law, unless he confesses him-self guilty, and confessions are often ex-tracted from prisoners by aid of the rack, or by flogging with the bamboo.

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In this worksday world few are so placed that physical error is not constantly demanded of the The San Francisco board of health has now entered actively upon the in vestigation of food adulterations, and, though the investigations have not, as yet, been carried far, the results ob-tained are certainly startling. Of thirty-three samples of current jelly offered for sale, for instance, the analyzing chemist has discovered only nine that were pure. Samples of catsup and other articles of common us have been found to be adulterated with substances injurious to health, and the inference is that, when such a large percentage is found among articles thus taken at haphazard, an immense field for the activity of the board of health will be discovered as the investigation proceeds. The adulterations are found, not in the stores of the smaller and more obscure grocer along but also in those of the prominent and leading firms in the

In these imitation jellies the mos prominent substance used for purpose of adulteration is glucose, which, ing far less expensive than sugar, reres the cost of production and increases the profit, while the selling price is cheapened. Glucose, though popularly supposed to be harmless, is one of the most injurious articles of adulteration. It is formed by boiling corn starch with sulphuric acid and mixing the product with lime. It would be difficult to imagine a more pernicious compound, even when taken in infinitesimal doses. The importstions of glucose increased tenfold during the two years from 1875 to 1877, and the rate of increase has been discontinued merely because the pro cess of production is a simple one and extensive establishments for its mannfacture have been started in the

Western States, There is hardly an article of general onsumption that may not be adulterated to a greater or less extent, and the profits of adulteration are sufficient attract the cupidity of large numbers of manufacturers who look only to the profits they may make in their business. In the manufacture of baking powders, alum, costing three cents a pound, may be substituted for cream of tartar, costing thirty or more cents, and, without chemical analysis the substitution can not be discovered save by the dyspepsia, colic, and hear burn with which the victims are afflicted. Teas are artificially colored with poisonous substances, and cofwhich in turn is adulterated with injurious materials.

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