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GERM FEAR IS A CRAZE.

PUBLIC FRANTICALLY DEMAND-ING DEVICES FOR PRO-TECTION.

The Antiseptic Fad Is a Feature of the Twentieth Century-Millions of Germs Destroyed Daily, but Science Finds New Millions.

Germ fear is a feature of the 20th century, declares the New York Tribune. There is an antiseptic or germ destroying craze. The public, or a part of it awakened, at last, to the existence and the peril of germs, demands—a little too frantically, perhaps—germ protection.

haps—germ protection.
In response to this demand there are offered to the public many strange and ingenious devices. The object of these devices is the prevention of all such diseases as arise from the swal-

lowing of germs, or their touch, or their inhalation. Thus: There are on the market money scoops—silver instruments of pocket size—wherewith to handle unsterilized

coins.

There are germicide doormats. These, being stepped upon in the right spot, emit a spray of highly volatile fluid that is supposed to render harmless the millions of disease germs gathered on the shoes amid the dust and mud of the cities.

There are wind veils, for men no less than women, to be worn over the mouth and nose as a preventive of the inhalation of germs.

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There are fumigating attachments

There are fumigating attachments for letter boxes. These, on being compressed, are guaranteed to sterilize the recipient's mail before he touches it. There are hanging tabular baths for hallways. The ends of canes and umbrellas, dipped in these baths, come forth clean of germs.

There are aseptic communion cups, with tiny rotating brushes that wash the cups; edges as they pass from one

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the cups' edges as they pass from one
communicant to another.
There are generators that sterilize
carpets, walls, clothing, books, etc.
There are pocket lamps that emit a
germ killing vapor. These are for the
cleansing of cups at public drinking
fountains and for other such pur-

fountains and for other such purposes.

It may be doubted if so great a fear of germs as all these devices indicate is altogether sane. But it is at any rate, a fear that does more good than harm. Between the general sanitary conditions of the present and the past the contrast is amazing, and in the bringing about of that contrast the public fear of germs plays its part.

In one of the London hospitals they still preserve as a relic a bed 14 or 15 feet wide. In that bed in the past a dozen patients would lie side by side, one with consumption, another with smallpox, a third with typhoid fever, and so on. It is different today. Today contagion and infection are guarded against as thoroughly as thieves are guarded against by misers. And still these precautions increase. Every month, every week, some new preventive of the spread of disease is devised.

And there has sprung up the germ

And there has sprung up the gern hunter—the health faddist—who hunts germs as a sportsman hunts game. In-numerable are the weapons wherewith the germ hunter seeks his prey. A

the germ hunter seeks his prey. A good pdace to examine these weapons, is a surgical instrument shop.

A surgical instrument dealer, on being asked to exhibit his various germ destroyers, pointed to a doormat. It was like any other doormat of rubber, only a lemon shaped rubber bulb was attached to it.

"What," said the visitor, "is that bulb for?"

"I'll show you." the dealer answered.

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"I'll show you," the dealer answered.
He stood upon the mat and he compressed the bulb with his toe. Immediately a silver colored mist arose. For an instant he stood in this mist ankle deep. Then, as quickly as it had arisen the mist disappeared, leaving the man's shoes and the bottoms of his

man's snoes and the bottoms of his trousers quite dry.

"Did you notice that spray of volatile fluid?" he said. "Well, that was a spray of germicide, or disinfectant. This is a patent germicide doormat. This mat cleans your feet when you come in of the disease germs gathered

ome in of the disease germs gamered in the mud and dust."

"A remarkable mat," said the visitor. "Does it sell?"

"It sells well," the other answered.

"All germ killing devices sell well in this age. This is the age of germ fear."

He took from a case an armful of glittering objects. They were of glass and silver, and their shapes were strange.

"All these instruments," he said, "kill germs or ward off germs. I will

"All these instruments," he said,
"kill germs or ward off germs. I will
explain them to you."

He pointed to a small silver scoop.
"That is a money scoop," he said.
"A number of health faddists carry scoops in their pockets. They know that the average coin has on it about a million germs—germs of consumption, of smallpox, of typhoid, of dipfitheria—and therefore they will not touch a coin with their fingers until it has been sterilized. When you give them change they receive it in their scoops instead of in their hands. Thence it goes into their sterilized purses, to be thoroughly fumigated at home. I know three men and two women who use these money scoops. The scoops are made of silver and they cost a dollar apiece."

He took up a tiny lamp—a lamp with two wicks that rose out of a cake of sulphur. In the middle of the cake of sulphur there was a vial of transparent fluid.
"This is a pocket fumigator," he

parent fluid.
"This is a pocket fumigator," he said. "You take the stopper from the vial and light the two wicks, and thereupon a vapor deadly to every kind of germs arises. The pocket fu-

migator is applied by the germ hunter to the public drinking cups in railway stations, to plates and goblets in dubious restaurants, to towels in doubtful hotels. The germ hunter knows that many persons have contracted incurable and dreadful diseases from the use of public cups and towels. He knows that a small towel may have a germ population as great may have a germ population as great as the human population of the world. Hence you see him, in a washroom or a railway station, bringing forth his lamp, lighting it, and directing its rather vile smelling vapor on the towel or cup he purposes to use. He bends over his task with intent brows. He pays no attention to the inquisitive stares of the people. He is often in-terrupted by ignorant policemen or

special officers who say:
"'Here, what are you doin' to that
cup?" or 'Do ye want to set that towel
on fire, mister?""

The dealer, smiling, sets the little

on fire, mister?"

The dealer, smiling, sets the little lamp down.

"This object here is a germ proof wind veil," he said.

The wind veil had meshes unusually fine—it rather resembled cloth than veiling—and in the back it buttoned.

"If, on a windy day," said the dealer, "you examine under the microscope a cubic inch of the air of the average city, you find that this air is a squirming, writhing mass of dangerous germs. The germs of consumption predominate in that mass; more than half of them are tubercle bacilli, or consumption germs. It is therefore a good thing, if you are afraid of consumption, to wear on windy days a germproof wind veil. Without this veil you are bound to take down into your lungs millions of consumption germs. You wouldn't put a hungry cat in a room with a raw beefsteak if you wanted the beefsteak to remain intact, yet you put down in your lungs swarms of tubercle bacilli, though you know that the destruction of lung tissue is the sole object of these terrible little creatures' lives.

"In that way," said the dealer, "the faddist argues, and on windy days he wears his wind veil. I know three men in New York, four in Chicago and two in Philadelphia who wear these veils. The veils, each time they are taken off, are washed in a sterilized solution.

"We have generators," he went on,

lized solution.

"We have generators," he went on, "of all sizes. Some cost \$2, and some cost \$50. Here is a generator. It looks like a small stove or like an upright chafing dish, doesn't it? You feed it with this fluid, light it up, and it emits a germ destroying vapor. People with these instruments fumigate sick rooms, carpets, clothing, books, paper money, and so on. I know a man whose clothes are fumigated daily."

The dealer laughed. He gathered up

The dealer laughed. He gathered up the germ killing devices and put them back upon their shelves.

RADIUM MAY HEAT THE EARTH. Young British Scientist Startles and

Interests With a New Theory.

The New York Herald's European edition publishes the following from its London correspondent:

Is the heat of the earth due not to

the fact that it is not a molten mass, which has been slowly cooling for millions of years, but to the presence in it of that mysteriously fascinating

element radium?

Prof. Ernest Rutherford, a young but already distinguished pupil of Prof. J. J. Thomson of Cambridge, who first measured the mass and velocity of radium electrons, three out the latter suggestion in a lecture before the Porel Institution on a recent. fore the Royal Institution on a recent

Lord Kelvin had calculated that, assuming the earth to be a molten mass when it first started its own career, it would take one hundred millions of years to cool down to its present temperature, but, added the lecturer, inclining his head toward the gray headed scientist, who was present, Lord kelvin had shown a prophetic insight when he added, "Provided a new source of heat is not discovered." Lord Kelvin had calculated that, as

mew source of heat is not discovered."

Mr. Rutherford thought that radium was proved to be in sufficient quantities in the earth to supply a new theory as to the source of the earth's heat, so that we should not require the many millions of years which geologists and biologists had reasoned out as the time taken in the cooling process before life on the globe was possible.

This startling new theory, ventured modestly, was not discussed after the lecture, but the scientists went away greatly interested in a proposition which in effect means a reconstruction of hitherto accepted facts.

The Daily Mail points out that Mr. Rutherford's calculation leads to the conclusion that the earth may have been habitable for many millions of

conclusion that the earth may have been habitable for many millions of years, and that it further upsets all accepted theories as to the duration of life, 'since a millionth portion of radium only exhausts itself in fifty million years.

Courting a Girl in Spain. Courting in Spain is conducted on principles that might almost be de-scribed as unique. The Spanish girl of any attractions is almost aiways

of any attractions is almost always attended by a young man who is known as her novio, and who has the privilege of squiring her on her waiks, although by a singular anomaly no formal engagement exists. So long as this state of things continues the young lady has to be loyal and obedient to her gallant. But he may cease his attentions at any time and openly transfer his attentions to some other lady. Although the advantages of such a custom are all on the side of the male, very few Spanish girls would care to be without a novio, however fickle.—London Globe.

NEW WAY TO TELL TIME.

This Clock Will Show the Exact Hour

This Clock Will Show the Exact Hour and Minute in Figures.

Samuel Powers Thrasher of New Haven, Conn., has an invention that bids fair to make Yankee clockmakers green with envy. In fact, Mr. Thrasher proposes to tell time in figures the same as we real on the time tables of every road in the country. No longer would he have us say it is "quarter of 3" or "half-past 2," but as we look at his invention he proposes and insists that we must say 2:45 or 2:30. In the twentieth-cegtury hustle and In the twentieth-certury hustle and bustle this proposal seems likely to meet with more than mere approval. Mr. Thrasher proposes to reconstruct the familiar face with which Father the familiar face with which rause. Time has been wont to remind us of the passing hours and do away entirely with the quaint old dial with its Roman numerals in use from the middle ages and likewise take away the old clock's hands. Instead of the old clock's hands. Instead of pointing the way and letting us figure out the time for ourselves, Mr. Thrash-er's new timepiece will tell us in plain figures at a glance just what time it



Clock That Shows Time in Figures is. It will be no more trouble to tell the hour the minute and the second than to read the A B Cs or see at a glance in the time table the hour an glance in the time table the hour and the minute. Any one with eyes and the ability to use them can tell time and a mere comparison with a time table and a knowledge of figures and the ability to read them will be the only essential to know the precise mo ment when a train is supposed to ar rive or depart or any event is to take place.

Three sets of figures, one each for the hours, the tens and the units of minutes revolving on separate rolls with measured accuracy and appearing in a given space at the propertime, give us the hours and minutes on this wonderful new clock. A point er constantly traveling in a half-grad uated circle tells the exact seconds. The pointer and the rolls interlock and the whole is impelled by a device which is simpler than the sim plest clock mechanism ever made which seems impossible to get out of order and never needs winding. Three sets of figures, one each for

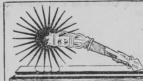
To Grow a Miniature Forest.

It is quite possible for any one to own a forest of miniature oaks, which may be grown even without the aid of soil. In order to rear a miniature for est procure a shallow dish and cover the base of it with moss an inch thick. Then set a number of good acorns in rows about two inches apart, and a perfect little forest of oak trees can be raised. The moss must always be kept very moist and the acorns will begin to grow in the spring.

spring.

By June or July they will have rais ed themselves six to eight inches high, and will form a charming sight

A Singular Chilean Spur.
The photograph here shown is taker
from one of a pair of beautiful Chilear
spurs in the possession of A. M. Robin
son of Birkenhead, at one time a resi



Loneliness Drove Him Insane.

Some time ago a Russian lady died in Paris, France, and bequeathed a sum of \$40,000 on condition that a mausoleum was erected over her grave and inside was to be a small chamber, in which the aspirant for the legacy was to take up his residence night and day for twelve months, and watch by her tomb. A man was found who accepted the post, but was unable to endure the mental strain and loneliness and he is now confined in a lunatic asylum. asylum.

A Two-Sided Flag.

The strangest flag under which men ever fought is that of the Macedonian insurgents. It is red on one side and black on the other.

The black side is intended to be symbolic of the iniquity of Turkish rule, and should the Macedonians ever gain independence or autonomy, the flag would be changed.

FINANCE AND TRADE REVIEW

CROP CONDITIONS.

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In Iowa and in the principal corn States eastward of the Mississippt river corn has made good progress and is well cultivated, rapid growth being generally reported. Rapid growth is also reported from Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, but in these States cultivation has been hindered. A large crop is practically assured in Texas, but drought has impaired the outlook in the central and east gulf and south Atlantic States.

The progress of wheat harvest in Kansas and Missouri has been interrupted by rains, but this work has proceeded without interference east of the Mississippi river and is now in progress as far north as the southern portions of Illinois and Indiana and in Virginia and Maryland. Some lodging and rust are reported from Nebraska and Missouri, and dry weather has hastened maturity in Michigan, but elsewhere the crop has advanced, favorably, well-filled heads being generally reported. In California harvesting continues with light yields in most sections, in Oregon and Washington heads are filling nicely.

While the general condition of spring wheat is somewhat less promising than previously indicated, the outlook continues encouraging in the spring wheat region cast of the rocky mountains, the least favorable reports being received from Iowa. In portions of these Dakotas the crop is weedy, but in these States and in Minnesota it has made good growth and the early sown is beginning to head. On the North Pacific coast the prospects for spring wheat have tween materially lessened by dry, cool weather and recent frosts.

Oats continue promising in nearly all districts. In some of the most important oat states, however, the crop is heading short, with less favorable prospects than prevsously indicated. Harvest has begun in Southern Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina. While a fine crop of grass is promised in the States of the Missouri valley, recent dry weather in portions of the lake region and Middle Atlantic States has materially checked its gr

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The city of Trebizoned is one of the most important cities and ports in the Black Sea. It is about 480 miles from Constantinople and 100 miles from Batoum. It is the port of entry as well as the distributing point for the interior, viz., Erzerum, Bitlis and Van, and for the caravan route to and from Persia.

American Goods in Asia Minor Anticean Goods in Asia Minor.
Articles of American manufacture
which are finding a market in the islands of Asia Minor are cotton goods
(sheetings, gray drills, canvas and
calicoes), hardware (carpenter's tools,
locks and nails), timepieces, cheap
jewelry, agricultural implements, machinery and windmills, sewing-machines and various povelties

Hitching a wagon to a star is slightly different from hitching an automobile to a member of the chorus

Curious Phenomenon

A curious phenomenon has been noticed in the tropics that can never be seen at higher latitudes. A mining shaft at Sombrerete, Mex., is almost exactly on the tropic of Cancer, and at noon on June 21 the sun shines to the bottom, lighting up the well for a vertical depth of 1,100 feet or more. FOOT-EASE

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On a tombstone at the head of a grave in one of the dog cemeteries in Paris is this inscription to the memory of a brave St. Bernard: "He saved the lives of forty persons and was killed by the forty-first."

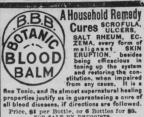
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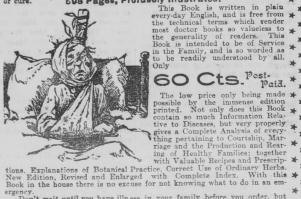
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