

# SUNSHINE KILLING OFF THE BLONDES

**U. S. Army Surgeon Declares that America's Clear Skies Help the Rum Demon**

## PEROXIDE KIND ARE NOT DOOMED

**Prisons, Asylums, Jails and Other Institutions Filled with Blondes, Due, Says the Doctor, to Effect of Sunshine on Nervous System.**

New York, N. Y.—Unless the blonds change their complexion they are doomed.

This startling note of warning to blue-eyed, light-complexioned New Yorkers is uttered by Dr. Charles E. Woodruff, surgeon and major in the United States Army, who has just completed a private tour of the prisons and asylums of the city and State. The jails and institutions, he says, are full of blondes who, unable to stand the struggle for existence in a climate to which they are unfitted, have fallen into poverty, disease and crime.

What is true of New York, he says, is true of the country as a whole, and unless the blonde American finds or adopts some better means of survival than he has at present he will be wiped out as a type in favor of the brunettes.

The great trouble is the sunshine. There is too much of it in America for the blonde, says Dr. Woodruff. It breaks down their nervous systems, renders them unstable, morally as well as physically, and makes them peculiarly liable to the ravages of consumption and other deadly ailments.

In Clinton Prison, says Dr. Woodruff, where the worst classes of criminals are confined, and where he expected to find the place full of modern "blackbeards," he was astonished at the large number of blondes, some of them of very light type.

Of the 253 convicts whose hair color was available for comparison, there were 19 with very light hair, 61 with light brown, 61 with dark brown, and 112 with black.

Of nearly 5,000 men whose average age was under twenty-one, admitted to the Elmira Reformatory, Dr. Woodruff found the types classified themselves as follows as to their hair: Blonde, 318; red, 99; sandy, 103; light brown, 1,203; dark brown, 1,449; black, 1,406.

Of the 602 aged paupers on Blackwell's Island, says Dr. Woodruff, only one-fourth are native born. Drink had broken most of them down, and from this Dr. Woodruff argues that the underlying nervous cause of alcoholism is far more prevalent in blondes than in brunettes in New York City.

The thirst for alcohol, Dr. Woodruff says, is merely the expression of a nervous weakness acquired under America's sunny skies, and resulting from excessive stimulation of light as one of a thousand causes.

Of ninety paupers in Boston institutions, Dr. Woodruff says, he found the same general trend in a city markedly more blonde than New York.

Thus, he says, unfavorable climatic factors are causing unfitness for survival in the race types in America too far misplaced from their ancestral climatic conditions. This process of elimination among human beings, he says, differs in no respect from that which goes on among irrigated plants and lower animals.

The native born, he says, furnish the great majority of the blue-eyed professional criminals in New York. In Clinton Prison 83 per cent. of the tuberculous criminals are native born.

### A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

#### Contrary Chicken Almost Causes Death of Owner.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—A peculiar accident nearly cost Dr. C. R. Newton, of Nicholson, near here, his life. He went to the barn to chase out a chicken. As he followed it his head struck against a beam, rendering him unconscious. As he fell he kicked over a lighted lantern, which started a blaze. A hired man rescued the doctor when the flames had almost reached him. The barn and contents were totally destroyed.

#### Got Snake Instead of Hen.

Spencer, Ind.—When Mrs. Hannah Abrams inserted her hand in a barrel to supposedly lift a hen from her nest she grasped, instead of the hen, the folds of a blacksnake that was sleeping in the barrel in which the hens had been laying. The snake was promptly killed.

It was 6 feet and 8 inches long. Near the middle of its body was a large lump, and an incision in the skin revealed a glass egg. The egg was identified by Mrs. Abrams as one she had been using as a nest egg.

**Has Crowless Roosters.**  
Seattle, Wash.—Herbert Joyce, of Springdale, has for years been experimenting with a peculiar breed of poultry which he says he brought from one of the Sandwich group of islands in the Pacific Ocean.

When he first obtained the wild birds they made a noise not unlike the hiss of a goose. He crossed his wild birds with various types of domesticated poultry and has at last obtained a rooster perfect in all respects with the exception of the crowing ability.

### ICE CREAM IN THE SOUTH.

Much of It Made of Condensed Milk—Shipped Long Distances.

The consumption of cream in the South is small, owing to the scarcity of fresh cream rather than to a lack of demand. The quality is variable, some being equal only to rich milk. The result is that unwhipped condensed milk is consumed in large quantities in the cities and to some extent on farms.

There is a large consumption of ice cream, but much of the product is made from bulk condensed or whole milk of low grade. The price varies from 70 cents to \$3 a gallon, the average being about \$1.50, says the Southern Workman. The city of Memphis has the distinction of shipping the largest quantity, one of its manufacturers making as much as 3,000 gallons daily during the summer season. Ice cream manufactured in Tennessee and Georgia is shipped as far south as Florida.

### Is Tired of Praying.

A little girl in St. Louis the other evening was going through the usual form of prayer: "God bless mamma, and papa, and make me a good girl," and so on, when all at once she seemed to come to a decision. "Now that is the last time I am going to say that prayer," she said, very gravely, looking at her mother. "You are older than I am and it is your place to ask for all those things and I don't see any use in two people's asking the same thing." Since then she has firmly refused to pray, insisting that it is her mother's place to ask God for blessings.

### When They Made Good.

George Washington was commander-in-chief of the army at the age of 43; Cromwell entered upon his remarkable career at 29; Napoleon conquered Italy before he was 30; Gladstone was a member of parliament at 23; Macaulay began his literary career at 29; Columbus started out on his voyage of discovery at 35; Frederick the Great began the Thirty Years' war at the age of 31, and Blackstone had finished his "Commentaries" before he was 35.—Scrap Book.

### For Future Dreadnoughts.

That the German government believes ships of war will be much bigger in the future is shown by the enlargement of the Kaiser Wilhelm canal, which is to be deepened at once to 36 feet, with provision for a later deepening, if necessary, to 45 feet. The width of the canal is to be doubled. The new dimensions of the locks will considerably exceed those at Panama.

### Ancient Pagan Festival.

In the highlands of Scotland and in Ireland the 1st of May was called Beltane. This was the name of an ancient pagan festival, traces of which have survived to this day. The name is still used for May day in Gaelic Scotland. It is said that the Druids on that day used to make two fires with great incantations and drive their cattle between them as a safeguard against disease.

### A Plea for Bachelors.

There are few people in the community more generous, according to their means, more unselfish, and more self-denying than the much-maligned bachelor class. Why, then, should it be taxed? If a tax is required, let it be levied on the pampered, petted, over-indulged, usually ungrateful married man.—London Daily Graphic.

### When Fortune Topples.

The demand for employment by educated women is greater proportionately in England than in any other country. Nowhere in the world is the dilemma of a woman accustomed to luxury and suddenly thrown on her own resources so distressing as in England.

### Lady Aberdeen's New Sphere.

Lady Aberdeen, who has been carrying on an energetic propaganda to better the health of the Irish people, has undertaken the editorial work of a monthly magazine, which will be issued by the Women's National Health Association.

### Would Have Home Course.

Mrs. Julian Heath presided at the meeting which was held the other day in New York for the purpose of urging the creation of a federal bureau to instruct mothers in the care of their homes and families.

### Asking Too Much.

Jenks (ringing up the theater gets the wrong number)—"Can you let me have a box for four to-night?" Bones (the undertaker)—"I'm afraid not, sir. I only make 'em to hold one."—Tit-Bits.

### Great Enemies of Peace.

Five great enemies of peace inhabit us, namely, avarice, ambition, envy, anger and pride, but if those enemies were banished, we should enjoy perpetual peace.—Petrarch.

### Once in a While.

Occasionally there is a college president who receives as high a salary as a first-class baseball pitcher, in spite of the prevalent impression to the contrary.

### Paradise for the Trapper.

As game preserves, it is claimed that the northern regions and forests of Canada furnish the finest fur-bearing animals in the world.

### The Only Way.

The Woman—If I asked you how old you thought I was what would you tell me? The Man—A darned lie, of course.

# FIND FLASHLIGHT TRUTH-COMPELLER

**Habitual Culprits Wilt Under Its Fierce Glare and Own Up to Their Derelictions**

## JUDGE SAYS THAT IT'S EFFECTIVE

**Police Justice Kimball Hits Upon a Device which Promises to Be of World-Wide Benefit—Its Rays Throw the Victim Off His Guard.**

Washington, D. C.—Judge Ivory Kimball, a Police Justice here, has hit upon a device for instant detection of the truth, which promises to be of world-wide benefit.



WHEN WORLD TURNS IT ON HUSBAND AT 3 A.M.

After careful deliberation he observed in his own case that a flash of light thrown suddenly into his face put him off guard. Deciding to make that test in court he provided himself with a flashlight and placed it, shielded, on the end of his desk.

The thing looks as if it might be a bit of telephone apparatus or anything equally innocent, at first sight. All unsuspecting, the habitual walks up to the bench primed with a glib story, confident that once again his smooth tongue will save him. The Judge withdraws the shield and the prisoner finds himself in a blaze of light. Himself in shadow, the Judge has the habitual with all his sins laid bare before him. That is the way the thing has worked so far in every case. The Judge is sure that no guilty have escaped him since he has had the lamp in action.

He accounts for the truth-compelling property of the searchlight by saying that in catching persons unaware it surprises them into the truth, or throws them into such confusion that the truth soon struggles to the surface. This tends to the despatch



USEFUL TO THE HOUSEWIFE WHEN SHE ENQUIRES ABOUT STRICTLY PRIVATE MATTERS.

of cases, for it leaves no excuse for waste of time over specious pleadings. It will be used on lawyers as well as on prisoners or manufactured testimony.

Some of the Judges of the higher courts have consulted Judge Kimball with the view of trying the device where legal procedure is hampered by various intricacies. The Judge has said to all inquirers that he has no notion of trying to patent the idea, and that he has already got so much relief from it himself that he will be glad to give instruction in its use to any who may need it. It is



"DO YOU SWEAR I AM THE ONLY GIRL YOU EVER LOVED?"

probable that in a tentative way the light may find its way into Congress at the regular session.

Its possibilities as a truth compeller in domestic affairs, in the relations between housewife and tradesmen, even in affairs of the heart in the cooling period, are recognized by the Judge as without limit. Stories of detention at the office or club until 3 a. m. and the sale of limed eggs as fresh State will become out of date with the help of the light, and if the confidences of lovers lose something to the ear they will gain in the eternal verities and save a lot of work for the divorce courts afterward.

### HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Conclusions Drawn from the Writings of Distinguished Men.

A Paris contemporary has been instructing its readers how to live to a good age, drawing its conclusions from the lives and writings of distinguished men.

Michael Eugene Chevreul, the celebrated French chemist, who lived 103 years, was always very frugal in regard to his diet and considered a happy disposition to be an important factor contributing to his long life.

Victor Hugo had a tablet on the wall of his house with the following: "Rising at 6, dining at 10, supping at 6, retiring at 10 make the life of a man ten times ten." The secret of Moltke's death lay in his great moderation in all things.

Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson declared that those who wished to reach a century must neither smoke nor drink. They should eat sparingly of meat, work as little as possible by artificial light, trouble themselves little about making a fortune and never allow ambition to rule their lives.—London Globe.

### The Captain's Repentance.

The captain of a trans-Atlantic liner, having become irritable as a result of some minor troubles in the ship's management and the unusually large number of ridiculous inquiries made by tourists was heading for the "bridge" when a dapper young man halted him to inquire the cause of the commotion of the starboard side of the ship. Being on the port side, the captain politely replied, with some sarcasm, he was not certain, but thought it possible that a cat fish had just had kittens.—What-to-Eat.

### Mutual Surprise.

A mission worker in New Orleans was visiting a reformatory near that city not long ago when she observed among the inmates an old acquaintance, a negro had long thought to be a model of integrity. "Jim!" exclaimed the mission worker. "Is it possible I find you here?" "Yassum," blithely responded the backslider. "Is charged with stealin' a barrel o' sweet potatoes." The visitor sighed. "You, Jim!" she repeated. "I am surprised!" "Yassum," said Jim. "So was I or I wouldn't be here!"

### A Use for Liquid Air.

Liquid air made from carbon dioxide, according to Dr. David Hubbard, liquefies at a pressure of 2,000 pounds to the square inch. When liberated at a low temperature it becomes carbonic acid snow, crystallizing into a substance resembling common white chalk, though of greater brilliance. This snow has been applied with great effect to many skin diseases, such as moles, warts, birthmarks, etc., a ten-second application ending the growth and causing it to disappear.

### Forests of British Columbia.

Official estimates state that in British Columbia there is an area of forest and wood land aggregating 285,554 square miles. All over this extensive area are large sections, each of many square miles, owned or leased by American syndicates and controlled by American capital. The available timber area of Vancouver island alone amounted to 8,000,000 acres.

### Feminine Facts.

The earliest form of the glove was a mere bag for the hand. Women workers in Germany rarely make over \$3 a week. The Ainu women of Japan tattoo their faces in order to give themselves the look of whiskered men. The Sultan of Morocco is descended from an Irish girl.

### Who Would Think It?

The renowned M. Blowitz once wrote from Paris to the London Times: "La Liberté is one of those amphibious journals that, waiting to see which way the wind blows, sometimes unexpectedly turn the scale."—Christian Register.

### Against Saloon-Cashed Checks.

"Any employee of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company who in the future has his pay check cashed in a saloon will be discharged." The foregoing is the substance of a general circular issued by Superintendent, N. J. Finney.

### Her Blue Kitchen.

"You are always talking about your lovely little blue kitchen," they said, "but we see you dining out every night. Do you never cook in it?" "Not enough to get tired of it," she said, "and that's the reason I like it so."

### An Encumbrance.

Little Helen had been very noisy all day long. Her papa asked her to stand in the corner to punish her. After crying a while she very indignantly said, "I do wish papa had never married in this family."

### Her Discovery.

A fair maid from the city saw a queer thing on a tree; she said: "Oh, ain't it pretty! Whatever can it be?" With a stick she poked it—to her beauty's ruin; for, alas! it proved to be a hornet's habitation.

### Good Definition of Pride.

"Pride," said Uncle Eben, "is sumpin' like a flyin' machine. 'It'll take you way up over de heads of other folks; but it has to be managed wif great care to avoid a bump.'"

### Pagan Idea of Death.

Death—a stopping of impressions through the senses, and of the pulling of the cords of motion, and of the ways of thought, and of service to the flesh.—Marsilio Ficinus.

### A STORY OF GILLETTE TRAGEDY

Hughes, in Doubt, Had Decided to Commute Sentence of "Billy" Brown's Slayer.

Auburn, N. Y.—A letter received here from Seattle from B. N. Wilcox, of Auburn, N. Y., commissioner to the exposition, gives a story told by Governor Hughes anent the Gillette murder case, at a luncheon given by Mr. Wilcox to Governors Hughes, Hay and Johnson.

It reveals that Chester Gillette, who was put to death in Auburn Prison for the murder of Grace Brown, might have saved his life but for the confession he made. Said the Governor over his coffee cup:

"After the conviction and sentence of Gillette, a woman, his mother, called at my office one day. She had the mind of a man, a well balanced, legal searching mind, and when she came to me saying that she wanted me to forget that she was his mother and simply to hear her present the facts in the case, from which she would convince me he should not die, I gave her the two hours she asked of me. She asked me to go over her own statement and over the court records, and I did. I spent all of that evening and that of the next day giving a careful examination of all the manuscript submitted to me, including the appeal to the Court of Appeals. My conclusions were that I believed Gillette guilty, and I refused to stay the execution.

"But the thought of that mother and the effort she had made to save her son impressed me. As the days approached for the execution of Gillette, the matter preyed on my mind and disturbed my sleep and my work. The night before Gillette's execution I called up the warden of Auburn prison, where the condemned man was confined.

"I will never forget the sensation as long as I live. The warden told me that Gillette had made a confession that afternoon.

"That night I went to bed and slept soundly. It was my first refreshing sleep for a long time."

### HATED TO TAKE THE MONEY.

"Sweet Country Girl" with Freckles Gives Chicagoan a Shock.

Chicago.—"Dear Mr. Patterson: I hate to do this, but I guess I must. You were good and kind to me. I hope you will not miss the money much. Sweet Country Girl."

This is the note John Patterson found on a recent night when he returned to his room in Erie street, which he had given up to a "friendless, hungry and penniless" young woman. He also found that \$65 was gone from his dresser and that his landlady, who was robbed of \$200 and various articles, wanted to throw him into the street.

Patterson found the young woman weeping on a doorstep near his home on Sunday afternoon. She told him she had been in Chicago only a few days and that she was homeless. He purchased a dinner for her and then allowed her to use his room, while he went to a hotel.

"She had freckles and had the appearance of a country girl," said Patterson. "I never was so surprised in all my life."

### GARLIC EATER NON GRATA.

Audience Yelled "Get the Hook!" and Court Sustained It.

Chicago.—Is a citizen to be deprived of his constitutional right of going to the Nickel Show because he has finished off his evening meal with a dessert of garlic?

It appears so by decision rendered today by Judge Heap excluding James La Monta from the Nickel Theatre because of his garlic breath.

La Monta was first excluded by the manager of the theatre. Then he brought suit for damages. The manager showed that the audience yelled when La Monta came in and took a seat: "Get the hook!" It was then La Monta was put out.

Judge Heap said: "The odor of garlic is sufficient to exclude a person from a place of amusement. It annoys and irritates and sometimes maddens an audience."

### TOBACCO SAVES HIS LIFE.

Quid Swallowed as Man is Shocked Keeps Heart Going.

Logansport, Ind.—August Walters, a park policeman, was almost killed by electricity while assisting a line-man who was repairing an arc light in Riverside Park. The line-man requested Walters to let down the arc light and he grasped the wire cable which is used to lower the lamp. Instantly fire flashed from Walters's body, and after spinning around in the air he fell, but was unable to release his hold on the cable and was pitched and thrown about with great rapidity.

It was several hours before Walters regained consciousness. He received a current of 2,200 volts.

Physicians attribute Walters's escape from a tragic death to the fact that when he first grasped the cable the shock caused him to swallow a big quid of tobacco. This tobacco in the stomach acted as a stimulant and kept up heart action.

Says "Great American Novel" is Due.

Chicago.—Professor James W. Linn, himself an author, said lately at the University of Chicago: "This is the psychological year for the great American novel, exactly one century from the appearance of that food of great novels from Scott, Eliot and others. The great American novel will come from some obscure author. It will be either romantic or on some great moral problem."

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