

THE TRUST AFTER NO-TO-BAC.

Estimated That Half a Million Tobacco Users Will Be Cured in '04 by the Use of No-to-Bac, Causing a Loss of Many Millions of Dollars to Tobacco Manufacturers.

CHICAGO, March 24.—[Special.]—It was reported to-day that a large sum of money had been offered the proprietors of the cure for the tobacco habit called "no-to-bac," which is famous all over the country for its wonderful effect. This offer, it was said, was made by parties who desire to take it off the market and stop its sale, because of its effect on the tobacco business. Mr. H. L. Kramer, general manager of the no-to-bac business, was interviewed at his office, 45 Grand street, and when questioned, promptly said: "No, sir, no-to-bac is not for sale to the tobacco trust. We just refused a half million from other parties for our business. Certainly no-to-bac affects the tobacco business. It will cure over a half million people in 1904, at an average saving of \$50 which each would otherwise expend for tobacco, amounting in round figures to \$25,000,000. Of course tobacco manufacturers and dealers' loss is the gain of the party taking no-to-bac. Does no-to-bac benefit physically? Yes, sir. The majority of our patients report an immediate gain in flesh, and their nicotine saturated systems are cleansed and made vigorous. How is no-to-bac sold? Principally through our traveling agents. We employ over a thousand. It is also sold by druggists, wholesale and retail, throughout the United States and Canada. How are patients assured that no-to-bac will effect a cure in their case? We absolutely guarantee three boxes, costing \$2.50, to cure any case. Failure to cure means the money back. Of course there are failures, but they are few, and the money is returned to the patient. We publish a little book called "Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away," that tells all about no-to-bac, which will be mailed free to any one desiring it by addressing the Sterling Remedy Co., 45-49 Randolph street, Chicago.

How are the farmers making out this year? asked a New-Yorker, a former resident of Vermont, of a friend from the old home. "Poorly," replied the Green Mountain man. "You recollect old Bill Thompson? Well, his case illustrates the condition of affairs. It came around the end of the year, and he hadn't made enough to pay his man, so he had to sell a yoke of oxen to get money. "When he turned the proceeds over to the fellow he said: 'Tom, my time are hard, farming's played out, and I've got to let you go.' "But," said Tom, "you've got more cattle. I'll serve you and look for my wages in cattle." "And when they're all gone what will you do?" "What will I do?" queried Tom. "Why, then you'll work for me, don't you see, and get all your cattle back again."

The Farm. Spelman derives the word "farm" from the Saxon "fearm" or "ferme," which signifies food or provision, and the tenants and country-people anciently paid their rents in victuals and other necessities of life. Hence a farm was originally a place which supplied its owner or lord with provisions. The word "ferme" is also French, and a farm is probably so called from its being a firm or fixed possession of the land by one who labors on it.

A Prisoner in Bed. Mrs. Mary A. Tupper has been released, at Wilton, Me., from the custody of extreme female weakness and nervousness, which kept her a prisoner in bed, unable to walk. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound went to the root of her trouble, and gave her the liberty of health, so that after taking two bottles she was able to go out of doors and surprise her husband and friends by her improvement. She says: "Women should beware of dizziness, sudden faintness, backache, extreme lassitude, and depression. They are danger signals of female weakness, or some derangement of the uterus or womb. Take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and be thankful for your life as I am. It only costs a dollar to try it."

Senator Colquitt Dead. Georgia Statesman Passes Away Surrounded by Family and Friends. United States Senator Alfred Holt Colquitt, of Georgia, died at his residence in Washington Monday. Around the bedside when he passed away were Senator Gordon and daughter, Mrs. Jones; Senator Colquitt's private secretary, his nephew, Mr. Bunn; his son, Mrs. Colquitt, three unmarried daughters, and his daughter, Mrs. Marshall, of Chicago. Senator Colquitt was stricken with paralysis in July, 1892, and from that time forward was unable to walk around without assistance.

Minor Mention. THE New England maple sugar crop was a failure. A BANDITS' cave was discovered near Winfield, Kan. FRANK SNELL perished in the blizzard at Groton, S. D. W. H. DORRIS was shot at New York by a masked burglar. THREE deaths from cholera have occurred at Constantinople. By an explosion of a paraffine lamp in a London dwelling-house, five persons were burned to death.

APPROXIMATELY seven feet from his balcony at a distance of 1,000 feet, at Cannes, lightning in the sea, and was instantly killed. Mrs. CALVIN BRADY, wife of a young farmer at Ringoes, N. J., deserted her husband and baby to elope with a negro. EMPEROR WILLIAM is credited with being heartily in favor of the movement to remove military burdens in European countries.

SONGS for the Million. For 35 cents will send you, postpaid, a book containing complete PHILIP P. FLOYD & SON, Music and Supply House, 212 West 45th St., New York City.

GIVE UP IN DESPAIR.

POSTOFFICE DETECTIVES ABANDON SOUTH BEND.

Mail Robberies Continue Unabated in Spite of the Efforts of Postal Inspectors to Find the Thieves—Stealings Said to Amount to \$10,000.

Filters Their Mail. Mysterious mail robberies, inscrutable detectives who cannot find the thieves, and hundreds of angry correspondents whose money has gone astray, have lately been making life miserable for certain vendors of patent medicines and cosmetics at South Bend, Ind. More than \$10,000 is said to have disappeared in some mysterious way from the letters sent to South Bend, and, notwithstanding the efforts of the postoffice inspectors, the leak has not been discovered. Federal detectives have prowled around the postoffice in the Indiana town and have sent decoy letters through the mails. The thief or thieves declined to handle the decoys, and this scheme of catching the pilferers failed. The sudden disappearance of the inspectors caused a ferment among the sufferers. When they learned that the detectives had given up the job in disgust the medicine men threw up their hands and wondered whether they would have to go out of business—complex as were being ruined irretrievably and there was no possibility of suing for damages. But the hardest loss is said to have fallen on the Indiana Traveling Men's Accident Association, which has its headquarters at South Bend. Secretary E. B. Russell reports the loss of 1,000 letters, each containing \$2 or more. Angry members claim they cannot be held responsible for the continuous theft of their dues and the association has suffered severely. Still the pilfering goes on. It reached its height when the inspectors had just warned to their work. Audacity of the Robberies. However worked, the scheme of the thieves is one of the most audacious in the history of postal robberies. Even employes in the South Bend postoffice has been watched and tested. Over the entire case an impenetrable shield of secrecy has been flung by the postoffice department. Though complaints were filed in Washington months ago and inspectors had been sent down to South Bend, nothing else was apparently done. Letters are still being purloined and robbed of the currency they contain. Money orders never reach their destination, and are evidently torn up by the thieves, as the presenters would be instantly detected. South Bend is the home of the patent medicine man and the fair but elderly vendor of cosmetics. The latter is usually the wife of the former. Chief of Police Rose claims that there are 175 patent medicine and cosmetic factories in South Bend. The mail sent to the city is enormous, letters containing remittances being forwarded from every State in the Union and from Canada. Where the letters have been diverted from their intended destination is part of the mystery surrounding the thefts. Four postoffice inspectors have failed to discover at what point the letters drop out of sight. Traveling Men Robbed. It was not until late in the fall of 1893 that the Indiana Traveling Men's Accident Association began to miss the dues sent in by members. Dues for September failed to reach the secretary's hands, but he did not worry until the next month's payment fell due. Then he notified the delinquent members and in reply he received a basket of letters from indignant members who declared they had sent in their September dues. Secretly by Russell wrote to Washington and was referred to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General. Three weeks ago he went to Washington and pressed the investigation. Two inspectors had already been sent to South Bend, but their mission had become known and they had to return to Cincinnati. Shortly after Mr. Russell's visit to Washington Chief Inspector Salomon, of the Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky division, went to South Bend and looked over the ground. Soon afterward inspectors Fletcher and Holden established themselves in South Bend. Fletcher had 200 decoy letters sent to himself under the name of Wilson, but not one of them was touched. It was said more than 100, however, were stolen while the detectives were at work than ever before.

Courage or Swagger. Can a brave soldier carry coolness in battle to the point of affection? An incident told of the French General Bastine, and his aide-camp, Baraguay d'Hilliers, seems to prove that this may be possible. During a battle, Baraguay d'Hilliers was reading a dispatch to the General, holding the letter with both hands, when a ball passed straight between his two hands and cut a hole straight through the letter. The aide-camp paid no attention to the bullet, but passed in his reading and looked carefully at the riddled page. "Go on, go on!" said the General. "I beg pardon, General," said Baraguay d'Hilliers, "but a word seems to have been blotted out here. Well, I will go on with the next." This story is not unlike one told, with what truth we do not know, of a Western Captain in the American Civil War, who, after an engagement, had seated himself under a tree and was smoking a pipe, when a stray bullet knocked off the bowl of his pipe, leaving the stem in his mouth. He continued to puff for a moment, and then said to his orderly: "This pipe draws too well, Robinson, I wish you would bring me a fresh one."

The Telephone for Divers. The telephone is now used by deep water divers. A receiver and transmitter are connected to the inside of the helmet near the diver's ear. By slight turn of his head he can speak into the telephone and he can hear readily from it at all times. Its value in deep-sea work, for reporting progress and receiving instructions is clear. Formerly the only communication was by a system of pulls at a cord. Crossing the Atlantic. Usually involves sea sickness. When the waves play pitch and toss with you, strong indeed must be the stomach that can stand it without vomiting. Tourists, commercial travelers, yachtmen, mariners, all testify that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the best remedy for the nausea experienced in rough weather on the water. Nervous and weakly travelers by land often suffer from something akin to this, and find in the Bitters its surest remedy. No disorder of the stomach, liver or bowels is so obstinate that it may not be overcome by the prompt and thorough remedy furnished by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Equally efficacious is it for chills and fever, kidney and rheumatic trouble and nervousness. Emigrants to the frontier should provide themselves with this fine medicinal safeguard against the effects of vicissitudes of climate, bad air, exposure and fatigue.

Horses. The most valuable horse to a user of horses is the one that will do him the greatest amount of work at the least expense. Such a horse may be a diminutive pony, a speedy trotter, a general purpose horse or a ponderous draft horse, all depending upon the requirements of the owner.

A Horse in a Fret. Let the mother become sick and helpless, and the house is all in disorder. When both father and mother are down, you may as well close the shutters. Driven to despair, a Chicago father, very easily, and Mr. John Madin, of South Butte, Mont., Feb. 17, 1893, found an easy way out of his difficulties, as she writes thus: "My husband and I look very bad rheumatism from severe colds, and my arms were so lame, I could not raise my child to my breast. I sent at once for a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, and before the bottle was half empty I could go about my work. My husband became so lame he could not get out of bed. Two very low with a cough and at times spit up much blood. I was not able to do the least work, but most of the time was in bed. I was all run-down, very weak, my head was dizzy and I was extremely dependent. The first bottle I took did not seem to do me much good, but I had faith in it and continued using it until I had taken fifteen bottles and now I do not look or feel like the same man I was one year ago. People are astonished and say, 'Well, last year this time would not you thought that you would be living now.' I can thankfully say I am entirely cured of a disease which but for your wonderful 'Discovery' would have resulted in my death." Even when the predisposition to consumption is inherited, it may be cured, as verified by the following from a most truthful and much respected Canadian lady, Mrs. Thomas Vansicklin, of Brighton, Ont. She writes: "I have long felt it my duty to acknowledge to you what Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and his 'Pleasant Pellets' have done for me. They almost raised me from the grave. I had three brothers and one sister die of consumption and I was speedily following after them. I had severe cough, pain, copious expectoration and other alarming symptoms and my friends all thought I had but a few months to live. At that time I was persuaded to try the Golden Medical Discovery and the first bottle acted like magic. Of course, I continued on with the medicine and as a result I gained rapidly in strength. My friends were aston-

ished. When I commenced the use of your medicines, six years ago, I weighed but 120 pounds and was almost moribund. I now weigh 135, and my health continues perfect."

After reading the following letters can any one longer doubt that a trustworthy remedy for that terribly fatal malady, consumption, has been written by your best known and most esteemed neighbors they could be no more worthy of your confidence than they now are, coming, as they do, from well known, intelligent and trustworthy citizens, who, in their several neighborhoods, enjoy the fullest confidence and respect of all who know them. E. C. Melin, Esq., of Kemptville, Princess Anne Co., Va., whose portrait heads this article, writes: "When I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery I was in a very low state of health, and was spitting up much blood. I was not able to do the least work, but most of the time was in bed. I was all run-down, very weak, my head was dizzy and I was extremely dependent. The first bottle I took did not seem to do me much good, but I had faith in it and continued using it until I had taken fifteen bottles and now I do not look or feel like the same man I was one year ago. People are astonished and say, 'Well, last year this time would not you thought that you would be living now.' I can thankfully say I am entirely cured of a disease which but for your wonderful 'Discovery' would have resulted in my death."

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Chicago's Unemployed. Throughout the winter there have been thousands of men in Chicago who found themselves out of work and money at the close of the World's Fair. (Among them were farmers, mechanics, bookkeepers, clerks and attendants of every description.) A large portion of these are reputable, well-meaning men, who have simply been left stranded by the industrial stagnation. They accepted the humble work on the streets cheerfully and thankfully, rather than live as tramps and mendicants. The association can supply, free of charge, help of every description. Employers will kindly address by mail, the Central Relief Association, 1015 "The Hookery."

The Paw-Paw. There is a tree in the West Indies called the paw-paw tree in the leaves of which it is said the natives wrap their meat so as to render it more easily digestible; the "ferment" of this tree is used by the medical faculty in pills to aid digestion.

Abraham Lincoln's Stories. An illustrated book, unmarred by advertising, containing stories and anecdotes told by Abraham Lincoln, many heretofore unpublished, will be sent free to every person sending his or her address to the Lincoln Tea Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Bombs as Fire Alarms. A novel system of fire alarm signals by rocket bombs has been established in the suburban districts of San Francisco to enable remote engine houses quickly to summon assistance from the city forces in case of great emergency. A bomb, something like a rocket, is thrown 200 feet straight upward from a mortar, where it bursts, making a brilliant white light and a very loud explosion. At the trials of the system recently, all San Francisco was excited and alarmed, fearing dynamiters were at work. The system is arranged so that the precise locality where aid is needed is made known.

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