

"TO EXAMINE "TOBACCO" GUM."

Health Department Discovers a Supposed Harmful Confection for School Children.

The health department of Chicago has discovered what may prove to be another form of tobacco attractive to school children, and if such proves to be the case immediate steps will be taken to suppress its sale. The new preparation is said to be a mixture of tobacco with chewing gum, and although it has only been on the market a short time it has already begun to be one of the popular cravings among children.

Just how dangerous it is Dr. Reynolds does not yet know. He has only seen an empty wrapper, and his fears are based upon the printed statements on the cover and what he has heard concerning it from unofficial sources. He at once ordered that some of the stuff be purchased and an investigation will be friendly to the great American product. Col. Carr says that his representations to the president were largely showing how vast would be the benefit to the agricultural classes of an increased use of Indian corn and its consequent rise in value. The president was much impressed with the possibilities of making an intelligent exhibition at Paris, recognizing the fact that the possible corn product of the United States is so enormous that any material increase in the price would be an addition to the wealth of the country, besides which dollar wheat would sink into insignificance. The agricultural department has taken the matter up seriously and proposes to arrange for such an exhibition as will show the people of Europe that they have hitherto neglected an important food product of comparatively low price and largely through ignorance as to its real value. As compared with the rye bread of Europe good corn bread can easily be shown to be almost angel cake. The use of wheat flour is universal, but Indian corn has never yet made its way adequately into the markets of Europe, and with wheat at high prices and general war threatening there is an evident opportunity to accomplish something in the direct interests of the farmer of the great corn belt of the west.

Dr. Reynolds does not intend that the vice of chewing tobacco, which has heretofore been counted as too rare among school children to deserve serious notice, shall slip into general usage through the outwardly innocuous medium of chewing gum. He scarcely believes there is any dangerous amount of tobacco contained in the gum, but he fears either that it may contain other dangerous ingredients or that it may be of such a nature as to stimulate a craving for tobacco, which the schoolboys might otherwise be without. The investigation will be made by the city chemist and a report made to Dr. Reynolds immediately. His action will be deferred until that report is received.

FULL REPORT IS MADE.

Conference of the Union for the Protection of Industrial Property at Brussels Last December.

The full report of the conference of the Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, which met at Brussels in December last, has been received from the delegates representing the United States, Hon. Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Belgium, and Mr. Francis Forbes, and is of marked interest. There were present at the conference not only delegates from 15 of the states of the union, but also from seven countries which have not yet adhered to it, among them Germany and Japan.

The proposition for amendment of the convention, submitted by the United States, looking towards reciprocity in the matter of fees and the requirements of working, and the matter of invention belonging to certain classes which are patentable in the United States but not in certain other countries, were held by the conference to be contrary to the general spirit of the convention, but several solutions of the difficulties complained of were suggested which would not be obnoxious to it.

The United States delegates took an active interest in the discussion of changes proposed in the agreement respecting the international registration of trade-marks though this country is not at present a part in it. The purpose of this agreement is to make the international bureau at Berne the center of a cheap registration which shall be efficient over the territory of the adjoining states.

TO BE EXHIBITED AT OMAHA.

Arrangements Made for Taking the Models of the Monitor Merrimac from Washington to the West.

Congressman Dave Mercer, of Nebraska, has perfected arrangements by which the models of the monitor Merrimac, now being exhibited in the fountain of the pension office court, shall be taken to the Omaha exposition. A good idea can be obtained of the practical workings of these famous vessels when the water is turned on at the fountain in which the models are exhibited. It has been decided to have the model of the warship Maine, now shown in one of the corridors of the navy department, sent to the Omaha exposition, where it will be displayed with other exhibits made by the navy department. Accompanying the model of the Maine will be a large-scale reproduction of the photographs sent to the navy department showing the condition of the battleship the morning after the disaster in the Havana harbor.

J. A. HART'S BODY PETRIFIED.

The Remains of the Ex-Mayor of Chattanooga Are Exhumed for Reinternment.

The remains of John A. Hart, ex-mayor of Chattanooga, Tenn., were exhumed the other day and will be shipped to Xenia, O., the former home of the deceased, for reinternment. Mr. Hart died about seven years ago. When the metal casket was removed from the grave the body was found to be petrified. The features are excellently preserved, and every part of the body is as natural as when embalmed for burial. The casket was partially filled with water and the remains were so heavy the casket had to be drawn from the grave by a team of horses, a chain being attached to the casket for this purpose.

Money Order System in China.

China has at last been supplied with a money order system, and the regulations have been reported to the state department at Washington by United States Minister Denby at Peking.

Beard Tax in Japan.

Beards are taxed ten yen a year in a Japanese village in Awa county, Chiba Ken.

WILL BOOM KING CORN

The Great American Product to Be Represented at Paris in 1900.

A Cafe and Corn Kitchen Will Be One of the Features of the Big Show—Legislation to Favor the Scheme.

Col. Clarke Carr, of Galesburg, Ill., left Washington for home after accomplishing some successful work in behalf of the American maize propaganda. He had several lengthy interviews with President McKinley, as well as with leading members of congress, and as a result it can be confidently predicted that king corn will be properly represented at the Paris exposition by a cafe and corn kitchen and that all legislation will be friendly to the great American product. Col. Carr says that his representations to the president were largely showing how vast would be the benefit to the agricultural classes of an increased use of Indian corn and its consequent rise in value. The president was much impressed with the possibilities of making an intelligent exhibition at Paris, recognizing the fact that the possible corn product of the United States is so enormous that any material increase in the price would be an addition to the wealth of the country, besides which dollar wheat would sink into insignificance. The agricultural department has taken the matter up seriously and proposes to arrange for such an exhibition as will show the people of Europe that they have hitherto neglected an important food product of comparatively low price and largely through ignorance as to its real value. As compared with the rye bread of Europe good corn bread can easily be shown to be almost angel cake. The use of wheat flour is universal, but Indian corn has never yet made its way adequately into the markets of Europe, and with wheat at high prices and general war threatening there is an evident opportunity to accomplish something in the direct interests of the farmer of the great corn belt of the west.

POLICE AS FASHION PLATES.

Atlanta Officers Receive Instructions to Array Themselves in Fine Clothes and Linen.

The lot of a policeman in Atlanta, Ga., is anything but a happy one under the rigid construction that has been placed on an iron-bound set of rules by the board of police commissioners. Things have come to such a pass that every policeman on the force is thinking of joining a mutiny against what is called "army discipline."

A few days ago a burly policeman reported for duty with a toothpick in his mouth as an evidence that he had enjoyed a square meal. For this breach of the rules on behavior was he suspended and fined one day's pay. If he had carried two toothpicks in his mouth it is believed he would have been discharged. If he had had the temerity to actually use his toothpick in the presence of one of the commissioners he might have been shot.

The commissioners, it is said, are determined to make the police force of the city the finest in the south in point of personal appearance, if they have to furnish each officer with a pocket mirror. They will not tolerate the wearing of a handkerchief around an officer's throat, not if the officer's throat is so sore he cannot speak above a whisper. They demand that each officer shall keep his shoes polished like unto patent leather, and change his collar three times a day if necessary for the preservation of a neat appearance.

Since most of the policemen are of the physically and mentally bony type, it goes against the grain to array themselves every day as though in attendance at a church wedding. They cannot afford to record a protest, but it is understood they are only waiting for some one bold enough to lead a movement against the attempt to convert them into Beau Brummels.

PUZZLE EVEN THE EXPERTS.

Counterfeit Silver Dollars in Circulation in Denver, Col., That Are Most Difficult of Detection.

During the past two weeks the attention of the business of Denver, Col., has been attracted to the unusually large number of counterfeit silver dollars made of silver that are in circulation. The counterfeits are such remarkably close imitations of the genuine coin that it is almost impossible to detect them, and even government experts are frequently at a loss to choose between the false and the true. It is thought that there are vast numbers of them in circulation for the passing freely from hand to hand would question. At the mint recently it was stated that the situation is so serious that the treasury has made it the subject of a communication to congress, regarding the propriety of adopting a new device for the coin. It is estimated that there are fully \$2,000,000 worth of these spurious coins in circulation in the country. All that have been found bear the mark of the New Orleans mint, lower case "O" immediately under the eagle, and are dated 1888. The government is making every effort to detect the men engaged in this business, so far without success, though it is believed they are made somewhere in the south.

MARRYING PARSON RESIGNS.

Rev. Hunzberger, Who Holds the World's Record for Marriage, to Leave Milwaukee.

Milwaukee will have to secure a new marrying parson. Rev. Wesley A. Hunzberger, who holds the record of the country for marrying Chicago and other couples, has resigned as pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist church to accept a call from the First Methodist Cleveland and of Joseph Jefferson, the actor.

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