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Rules of the Recently-passed Act in Scotland.

If a man living in Glasgow or Edinburgh wishes to obtain alcoholic refreshment after ten o'clock at night he must either purchase a railway ticket or a seat at a theatre. Up till last May the closing time for public houses in those cities was eleven o'clock, but since then a recently-passed Act has made it compulsory for them to shut up at ten.

"When the new rule was first established," said a police official, "the regular drinkers resented it, and out of sheer bravado they drank more than ever, with the result that we got an increased number of charges.

"Some of them would even bring bottles of whiskey round in front of the police office, drink their contents, and then smash the bottles on the pavement in defiance. The natural effect of the ten o'clock closing, however, is now showing itself, and in the last three months we have had a steady diminution of charges.

"In 1903, for October, November, and the first three weeks of December, the number of cases were respectively 311, 274 and 212. For the corresponding period in 1904 the figures were 291, 231 and 167. These figures speak themselves. The effect on the condition of the streets at nights, too, is most satisfactory."

Many of the publicans not unnaturally complain. They point out the serious inconvenience and discomfort occasioned to visitors. In some of the establishments takings have sunk £20 to £30 a week.

"There are only two instances where one can get drink here now, after ten," said a Scotsman at Glasgow. "They are the railway stations if you are a traveler, and the theatres, where, if you have taken a seat, you can get several till the curtain falls. Many of us, hard driven by necessity after ten o'clock, have been compelled to witness some portion of London melodramas."

WOULD PROVE A HINDRANCE TO FARM IMPROVEMENT.

If the efforts of certain parties are successful, the farmers of Canada will have to face a very unjust and burdensome tax. A movement is on foot to have fence wire, which has for a number of years been admitted into the country duty free, put on the dutiable list. The grades sought to be affected are galvanized iron or steel wire No. 9, 12 and 13. Practically none of these are made in Canada, and since enormous quantities are used each year in replacing the primitive rail structures and enclosing prairie farms, the injury that a duty would impose upon the rural community could not be readily estimated.

Since the admission of wire duty free, Canadians have enjoyed the benefits of cheap fencing of a very desirable kind. This has not only vastly improved the appearance and value of hundreds of farm houses, but it has added immensely to the comforts of winter travelling over roads that were formerly very often impassible on account of snow blockades. To put a check upon this sort of improvement by a tax that could work only injury to the rural population without benefit to any other class of the people would be indeed a serious matter. Besides working an injury to the farmer, the fence-manufacturing industry would be demoralized. To increase the cost of wire, both fence production and consumption would be reduced, and farmers everywhere throughout Canada would be hindered in making improvements upon their farms.

First Burglar—"Did you make a big haul last night?" Second Burglar—"Didn't get a thing; somebody had been there before me." First Burglar—"That's just it; competition is killing our business."

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A DREADED LUXURY.

Public schools in England fifty years ago were not adapted to luxury, or even to daily comfort. One "old boy," who writes about Uppingham, which was founded in the time of Queen Elizabeth, and had risen into celebrity under the mastership of Edward Thring, says that the dormitories there had concrete floors and were delightfully cool in summer. In winter, however, they were of an arctic temperature, for there were no fires.

One event of the week was sure to rouse in the boys a wave of indignant horror. This was the appearance of clean sheets, which, being of linen, always felt like ice.

No one who was at Uppingham at that period can ever have forgotten the accents with which the first boy to get into bed would announce, "Clean sheets!"

"Oh, I say, you fellows," he was more likely to call, "look at this!"

"Why, what's up?"

"Clean straw, by all that's horrible! O my! How cold it is!"

"Clean straw! You don't mean it."

"It is, though!"

"Ugh!"

There was nothing to do but for each boy to sit on his pillow, wrap his feet carefully in the tail of his nightshirt, and so, curled up like an ammonite, to slip down gradually under the clothes. Then, drawing them over his head, he would soon be heard puffing and blowing long, warm breaths to raise the temperature.

CURE WAS QUICK AND PERMANENT

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS SOON DROVE AWAY RHEUMATISM AND DROPSY.

Case of a Windsor Man Who Suffered Two Years Before he Discovered the Right Remedy.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 6.—(Special). How quickly Rheumatism and Dropsy can be cured when the right medicine is used is shown in the case of Mr. Jno. McDonald, a retired farmer living at 130 Langlois Avenue here. Mr. McDonald says:

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HEROIC DEED RECALLED.

Death of Captain Castle, of the Sarah Sands.

There has just died in England Captain John Squier Castle, the heroic master of the Sarah Sands, at the age of eighty-two years. In an hour of grave peril, when hundreds of lives depended on his courage, coolness and resourcefulness he played his part manfully. He was in charge of the transport Sarah Sands bound from Portsmouth for Calcutta, when she caught fire in November, 1857, when about 400 miles from Mauritius. There were on board about 300 rank and file of the 54th regiment, under Lieut.-Col. Moffatt, and a number of women and children, and the ship also carried large quantities of Government stores.

On November 11th, in the early hours of the afternoon, the cargo in the after hold was found to be on fire, and all efforts to get at the seat of the trouble were in vain. When all efforts had proved unavailing some one on board asked what would be their fate if the powder, in the magazine were affected. Volunteers came forward, and amid the dense smoke and flames they managed to clear away all the powder except two barrels, which could not be reached.

The boats full of women and children were lowered by the troops and sailors who remained on board fighting the fire. One of the barrels of powder exploded tearing a hole in the hull and spreading the flames through the stern. After twenty-four hours' work they were successful in extinguishing the flames, leaving the vessel a mere shell. A storm added to the difficulties, but the boats were picked up and the vessel arrived safely at Mauritius.

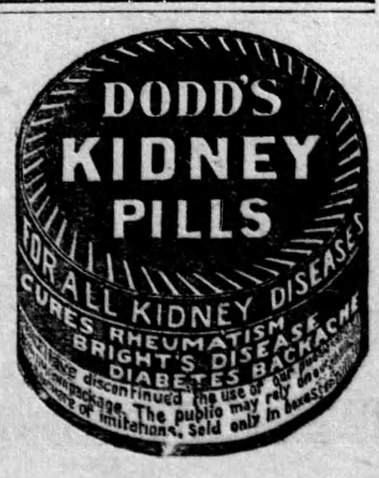
OVERLAND TELEGRAPH.

It is not generally known that there is a telegraph across the southern desert lands of the Australian continent of 2,000 miles in length, and which runs partially through an uninhabited country and long tracts of a waterless desert. While it was being constructed over 2,000 tons of materials had to be carried far into the interior, and many of the iron and wooden piles were conveyed 400 miles. A recent report says that the wear and tear of this telegraph construction has been inconsiderable, but there is great difficulty found in supplying the stations across the desert with operators.

POWER OF LIGHT.

The extraordinary resuscitating power of light recently received a curious illustration in the silver mines at Laurium. A mine had been abandoned 2,000 years, and the seed of some poppies was found beneath the slab of a species which had disappeared for twenty centuries. The slab being removed, in a short time the entire space was covered with the most gorgeous show of poppies. After their twenty centuries' rest they had bloomed as vigorously as ever without air or water.

Japan has a history extending over 2,500 years.



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