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PECULIAR VICES OF COBALT MINERS.

Sunday There is Not Like That of Any Other Similar Town in the World.

(New York Tribune.)
Cobalt, Ont., Oct. 19.—This town has other points of interest besides its silver output. Cobalt, for instance, has its vices, for, somehow, there is in these shadeless, grassless towns something which makes strong men yearn for things which they would shun in Fifth Avenue or in the little New England villages, whence many of the silver seekers hail. Cobalt in its excesses, however, is inventive, rather than imitative, and although the camp is only five years old it has already invented two new methods of debauch entirely unknown at Creede, or Cripple Creek, or any other mining camp. Already in twenty buildings and shacks and log huts, the high priests of the new mining vices minister to the votaries. This makes one such place for every seven hundred and fifty men, women and children within five miles of silver ore. And the traffic which is enriching America, English, Canadian, French and even Polish purveyors is carried on with flagrant openness. The evidences of the previous night's excesses are piled high on the rough board sidewalks for all to see.

The habit seizes not merely the rough miners—young college men, the mining engineers of the camp, scions of great families, and graduates of the world's famous technological schools can be seen furiously chewing the thing they have bought from the prosperous twenty. The other thing comes in bottles. Of this traffic the Canadian government must have cognizance; some of its school teachers have it, the people hint, but the government raises no finger to prevent, and allows the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railroad to make good freight returns from the traffic. Even it is said, the little children in the public schools patronize these places, and the teachers recognize it by early rotting teeth and upset stomachs and general dullness.

20 CANDY STORES.
What are these strange, uncommon vices of Cobalt camp? Simply candy and soda water. For Cobalt, which tenderfeet approach with the idea that they are to be made to dance to the tune of revolvers on the very railroad stations, is distinguished by the number of candy and soda water stores patronized by the dissipating silver miner. By actual count there are twenty candy stores in Cobalt, in places five and six to a block, or as near a block as the infrequency of cross streets allow. And they are orderly, quiet, law-abiding candy stores, without even so much as an automatic piano lid them to grind out irreverent music. The stranger in town asks to be directed to the miners' dance halls and groceries. He is told that there are no such places. If he wishes excitement he may go to the Salvation Army barracks, or to the three moving picture shows.

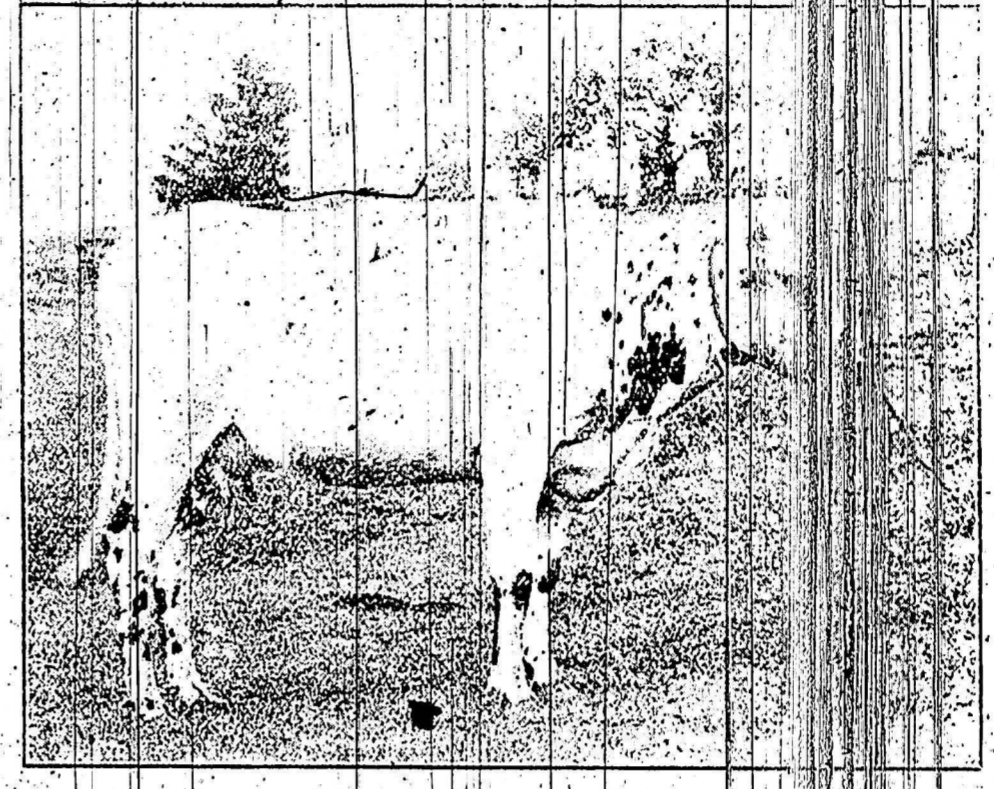
If he wants inward exhilaration, he has the choice of a nut sundae, or a chocolate soda, or a bottle of "sarsparilla," or candy, and in the candy line he can get anything from the lollypop on a stick to the bob bonbons sends his best girl on Christmas. Liquor saloons are not allowed in Cobalt; the dives were driven out years ago. There are a few "blind pigs," you are told, but they are few and far between. On a Sunday, when the mines are closed and ten thousand men are amusing themselves, the crowd gathers about the drug store across the street from the bank, munches candy or smokes, and listens to the Salvation Army. In the forenoon it goes to the five churches in town. Many go on excursions to fish at Temagami, or run up to Haileybury, and at train time the stations are crowded. The returning trains in the evening, however, bring no riotous, drunken crowds. They are as orderly as when they went. And in the history of the town there has never been a case of larceny involving as much as \$100. The jeweller leaves his wares out all of Sunday in an unbarred window.

This seemed incredible. So the visitor tried to trap one of the engineers at LaRose who showed him a rich vein recently uncovered by a trench.
"I suppose when you ran across that you had a large celebration?"
TOWN WITHOUT CRIME.
"Not so that you'd notice it," was the reply. "This camp is mining on an industrial rather than a firewater and sixshooter basis. And if you wanted to celebrate in the ordinary sense of the term you'd have to leave Cobalt, unless you can acquire a soda water jag. If you please, this camp is part and parcel of the effete East. Why, about a year ago, when there was a strike of

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the men at some of the mines, one of the superintendents who had come from the West wanted to put in an armed force to protect his property. This idea was generally regarded as being a joke. There wasn't any attempt at violence, and you had to read the local newspaper to know that the strike was still on. Candy? Sure! They all eat it.

The visitor had had policemen tell him that there was "nothing in it" before he went to Cobalt; so he took a look for himself. Up and down the strange streets where a sheet tin shack crowded a log cabin, which in turn leaned against a sort of Coney Island frame store, he went one Sunday, his ear pricked for the sound of feet dancing and for the festive note of the melodeon, fiddle and piano. In all the town he heard but one musical sound which proved to be a young mining engineer playing on his boarding house piano. Well dressed men, a few neat, domestic looking women were in the streets, minding their own business. A dressmaker and a millinery store accounted for the women's appearance; some half a dozen tailor shops, which "press 'em while you wait," told the story of creased trousers. Half a dozen barber shops explained the habitant's gloriously waxed moustache and the prevailing odor of bay rum.

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