

HEALTH EDUCATION

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Does fatigue cause the greater per- bearing on the number of industrial centage of industrial accidents? Many accidents. It was found that the least authorities think it does, but Mrs. E. number of accidents occurred at 67 E. Osborne and Dr. H. M. Vernon of frequency gradually increased till at the Industrial Fatigue Research 52 deg. F. they were 35 per cent. more Board, are inclined to doubt it. These numerous than at 67 deg. F. At a observers claim that the controlling still lower temperature (47 deg. F.) factors in causing accidents are speed they fell off slightly, perhaps because of production and the psychical state the workers were too cold to work of the workers. This latter factor is with their usual speed, so that there suggested by the number of accidents was a consequent diminuition of accithat occurred in a shell factory just dent risk. At temperatures above 67 after the workers had begun their deg. F. the accidents showed a slight night-shift. They were then for the rise among women workers, but the most part in a lively and excited state, men suffered 38 per cent. more accibut as they calmed down in the course dents at 77 deg. than at 67 deg. F., of the night, accidents gradually fell their greater liability being probably to half the original number. The un- due to the heavier and more trying importance of modern fatigue as a nature of their work. factor in the causation of accidents is It has been observed in some insuggested by laboratory experiments. dustrial plants that a large number of When a test involving modern musc- accidents occur within ten minutes ular activity was carried out continu- after starting in the morning and ously for a period of three and one- within ten minutes before closing half hours the accuracy attained im- time at night. Lack of concentration proved throughout, though much more would seem to be the principle cause slowly in the latter half of the experi- of the mishaps in these cases. But as ment than in the first half. There the morning's and afternoon's work If a fairy came to me was no indication of loss of manual progresses, it has been found that With the gift of wishes three. skill, such as might under industrial accidents increase. What is the cause? First, I'd have a house (quite small!) conditions have led to increased acci- Fatigue may have some part in it, but the speed of production and the psydent hability.

Temperature of the workshop or chical state of the workers would apfactory would seem to have some pear to be the chief factors.

A Practical Avocation.

One of the most practical avocations

is music. In the welter of modern

can rest his mind and glorify his soul

by a few minutes of musical expres-

sion every night has the asset which

men like Lloyd George and Arthur

Balfour have found invaluable. If

there is the slightest manifestation of

musical talent in the boy in your

family teach him to play some instru-

priceless to him some day.

that the business man should take no time for music or that the musician could not possibly be a successful business man has fortunately passed

deg. F.; at lower temperature their

business life, the business man who into oblivion. Many of our best musicians have proved remarkable business men, not merely in the publishing field, where there are some startling successes, but also in the great world of business.

"Too much holiday is as bad as That fairy folk have passed away! ment, give him a chance, it may be too little," says a well-known doctor.

try. The old day when it was thought lives.

Say Something Good.

Pick out the folks you like the least and watch 'em for a while, They never waste a kindly word, they

never waste a smile; They criticise their fellowmen at every chance they get,

They never found a human just to suit their fancy yet. From them I guess you'd learn some things, if they were pointed out,

Some things that everyone of us should know a lot about, When someone knocks a brother, pass around the loving cup,

Say something good about him-if you have to make it up!

The eyes that peek and peer to find the worst a brother holds,

The tongue that speaks in bitterness, that frets and fumes and scolds; The hands that bruise the fallen, though their strength was made to raise

The weaklings who have stumbled at the parting of the ways,

All these should be forgiven, for they know not what they do, Their hindrance makes a greater work

for wiser ones like you, So, when they scourge a wretched one who's drained sin's bitter cup, Say something good about him-if

you have to make it up!



HEARTLESS!

Mrs. Goodsole: I haven't seen you at church for some time. Don't you like the rector?

Mrs. Dogophile: No, I don't. I'll never forgive him for refusing to read the funeral service over my poor little dead doggums."

Three Wishes.

With roses on the southern wall, Four red chimneys, leaded lights, And shutters for the winter nights.

Then, I'd have a garden, too, Where the old-world flowers grew; Lavender in misty beds, Flaming scarlet poppy heads, Fruit for jam, a kitchen plot, Wallflower and forget-me-not.

Last, a white ience and a gate Where the One Beloved could wait, Watching the long road for me, Looking outward tenderly. -And it's a pity, so I say,

V. Arlett.

Men must begin to realize how Fresh water eels travel a distance Music can lull to slumber any form closely music is bound up with the equal to a quarter of the earth's cir- of disease curable by science, accordsocial and industrial life of the coun- cumference, about 6,000 miles, in their ing to a professor at Cincinnati Uni-

"There's a Reason"

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Wipers He Knew; Ypres He Didn't.

some interested ladies at a London bazaar where money was being raised for the care of crippled veterans.

"So we started out from Wipers," he said.

"Ypres," an old lady who was in his audience said very correctly.

"Well, as I was saying, we went from Wipers-"

"Ypres," said the old lady. "We set out as I say and after four

days up in the line we was back again in Wipers.'-"Ypres," said the old lady.

Old Bill stopped and looked at her pityingly.

"You ain't 'alf got 'iccups," he said.

WINTER HARD ON RABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to stuffy, badly ventilated rooms. It is and pounds of petatoes. so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches colds which rack his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes peevish and cross. To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. They regulate the stomach and bowels, and break up colds. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville;

Bramshott Hut is a Canadian Shrine.

Letters in 1915-16-17-18 which bore the postmark "Bramshott, Surrey," were balm to the hearts of many a soldier's wife and mother, telling her as they did that HE wasn't in the trenches, anyway. Canadians, in those war FARMERS' BOOKLETS years, made a little Canada in that little corner of England; their bright breeziness, unquenchable spirits, their slang and chaff, smiles and jokes, and good friendship illumined even the clouds of war.

Come with me to-day and have a look at Bramshott, where it lies deserted under the Surrey hills. The huts where Jack Canuck worked and played are mostly gone. Sold by the government, they are scattered all over England. Some are homes for heroes, some storehouses, barns, clubrooms, a thousand uses they serve. But here is one hut—at first sight just | Report Division of Forage Plants. an ordinary derelict army hut. But Fox Ranching in Canada, there are strong shutters on the win- Directions for Collecting and Preserv. dows and an imposing padlock on the door, and while we are looking a watchman comes to demand that we move on unless we have a permit to go inside.

Our curiosity piqued, our permit Natural Incubation. later unlocks the door. My dear, the How to Make and Use Hotbeds and walls are covered with sketches done landscape scenery, bits of Canada, Toronto bay with the Niagara boat pullwomen, and here the smile of a little | Weeds and Weed Seeds. child. No one knows who was the The Maple Sugar Industry. artist; just that some Canadian Tommy did them in the last part of the war. No one can tell if he lies in Swine Husbandry in Canada. 'Flanders Fields" or if he went back Seasonable Hints. to his Canada. But even the govern- List of Publications, 1923. ment has guarded these sketches with its often abused red tape, deeming them, rightly, a precious legacy.

Standing here, is it fancy that th hut seems thronged with a very fury of youth; with crowded memories of

good times and bad times; thoughts of brave endeavor; ghosts of the boys who didn't "go home"? Maybe they Old Bill, who fought all through the come in from their English and Flandwar, was telling his adventures to ers graves and dream of the past among these pictures.

Close the door softly on this little Canadian shrine.

"Paid in Germany."

If you have to call in the doctor, you will eventually pay him in the usual way, by coin, note, or cheque. But if you were in certain parts of Germany, he would request you to pay him in sausages!

The money question in Germany is getting so perplexing that actual goods instead of money are being used in many districts for the purposes of barter. In Pomerania, for instance, a schedule of medical fees has just been isued, and it sets forth that doctors for a night-time visit involving a journey of more than seven miles, shall receive thirty pounds of butter, a ham weighing twenty pounds, or one thous-

For an ordinary day-time visit, the fee shall be nineteen pounds of butter, seven pounds of sausages, or three hundred pounds of potatoes.

The fee for a serious appendicitis operation is one pig.

Doctors are not the only people who are insisting on being paid in kind rather than in cash. The farmer in Weimar must pay the school authorities one hundred pounds of rye per term for his son's education. An hour's electric light at Auma will cost you ten eggs, or, if you prefer it, three pounds of flour.

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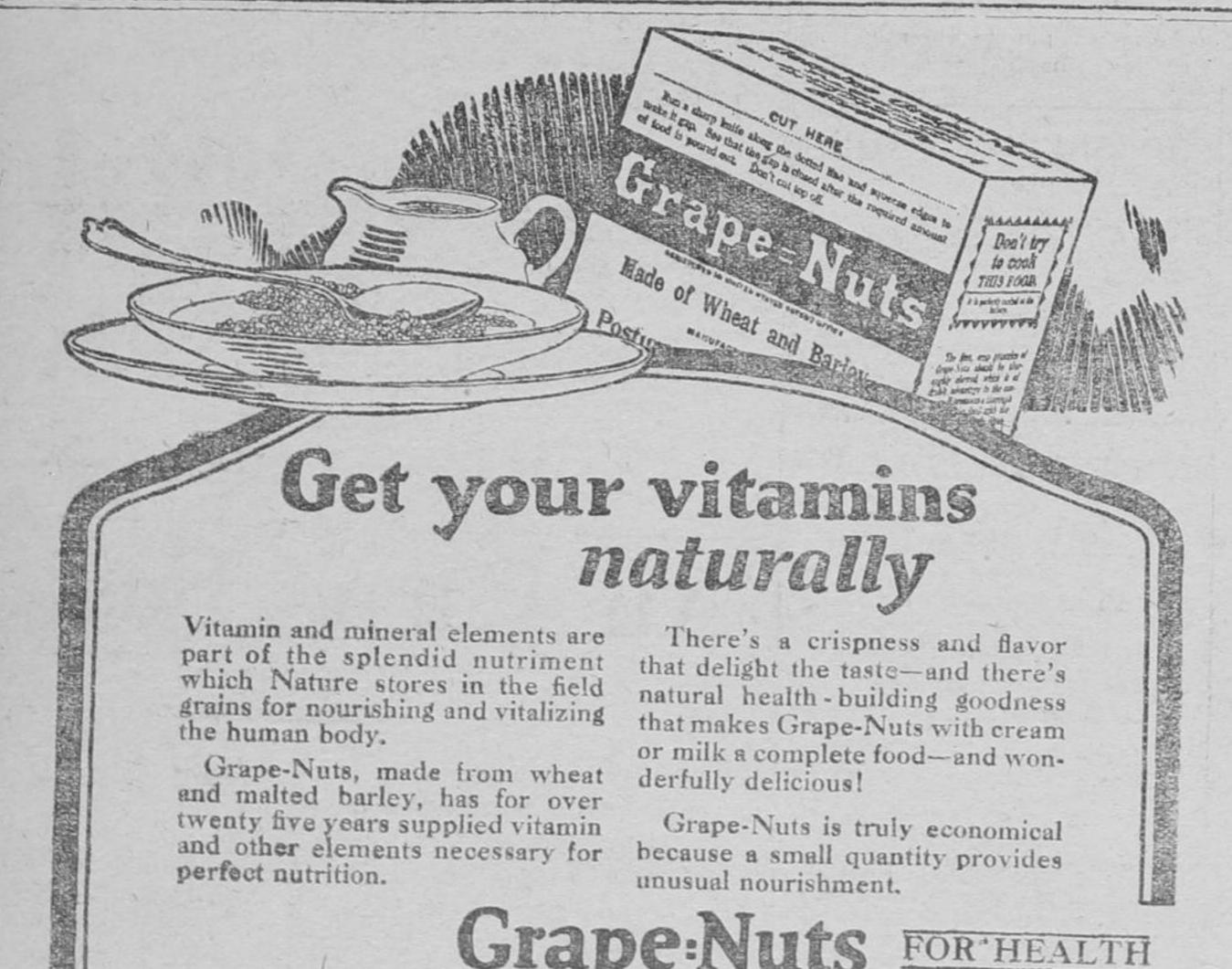
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