

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Russian attacks upon alcohol have a resemblance to the Scandinavian repressive movements in that they are designed to stop a marked corrosive invasion of the peasantry.

Alcohol has been made to take the place of influences which relieve human life from the monotony of earning bread and eating it.

The Russian government found that not only the matured villagers but the children were seeking this release from monotony.

FEWER "VAGS." IN LONDON.

From a report issued by the Local Government Board, it is evident that the scheme devised for dealing with the homeless people who made the Embankment their dormitory is proving successful.

CRAFTY SNAKES.

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HEALTH

A Long Life.

Most of us are interested in the subject of old age; either because we hope to reach it ourselves, or because we want to make the old age of those who are dear to us long and happy.

There is much premature old age in the world, and it can generally be traced to disease or excesses. The excesses are often owing to the overindulgence in the amusements, but excessive toil can also wear out the body prematurely.

A person who has reached middle life, and who wishes to live to be old, ought to begin at once to regulate his diet and diminish the amount of his food.

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Fashion Hints

The Trend of Styles.

A bag of durable pigskin, big enough to hold toilet articles, a pair of slippers, a thin frock, a negligee, nightgown and underwear—enough for a simple week-end—can be bought for a little less than \$6.

Rescued After Two Weeks at Sea In Open Boat.

Survivors of the SS. Columbian, which exploded and burned off the coast of Halifax, in the open boat in which they drifted about two weeks before being rescued by the revenue cutter Seneca.

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HON. J. S. DUFF'S REPORT.

What He Says in Regard to Financial Conditions in Ontario.

"In regard to rural finance, a letter was addressed to the District Representatives, of whom we have now thirty-seven located in thirty-seven different centres in the Province, asking them to secure what information they could on this subject, especially with reference to the following points:

"1. The percentage of farms mortgaged and per cent. of mortgage on value of farms, and whether increasing or decreasing.

"2. The extent of deposits by farmers in savings banks.

"3. The extent of the demand on the part of farmers for loans.

"4. Rate of interest paid both on long and short time loans.

"5. Whether the loans are for the purchasing of land only or for financing farm operations.

"6. In gathering this information they conferred with bankers, business men, lawyers, registry officials and prominent farmers.

"Answers to the first question pertaining to mortgages elicited the fact that about 45 per cent. of the farms of the Province are mortgaged to some extent.

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