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THE ARMY OF DOCTORS.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE MEDICAL CONGRESS AND ITS DOINGS.

Bushels of Pills, and Oceans of Castor Oil—How the President and Mrs. Cleveland Received the Congress—Secretary Bayard's Address.

Sept. 9 closed the doctors' parliament in Washington. The city was packed all week long with physicians from every quarter of the world. Many bald headed, scholarly looking men in spectacles and eye glasses were seen rushing hither and thither with great rolls of manuscript under their arms, and the various knots on the street corners talked such a jargon of scientific terms that the passers by turned and stared. The hack drivers, the guides and the sight seers are addressing every one as "doctor" now. Each of the doctors wore a little round silver plated medal on his coat lapel. This medal bears the features of Columbus, and it is the badge of the association. There were between 3,000 and 4,000 such medals traveling about Washington on the breasts of as many doctors during the International Medical congress, which was one of the largest that has ever been held. Some of the foreign doctors were quite distinguished in their appearance. A Turkish physician trotted about with a red fez cap on his head. A Chinese doctor wore a gown and the costume of the Celestials, and two of the Italian physicians had a row as to which should have the precedence over the other in pronouncing an address in the behalf of his government to the convention. Semmola is an Italian senator, and he downed the other doctor and made the address.

The general meeting of the association was held in Albaugh's opera house. The theatre was jammed on the first day, and the president and Secretary Bayard were present. The president opened the meeting and sat for a while and listened to the speeches which followed. He looked as though he were listening to a proxy preacher on a very hot Sunday. He soon grew tired of the eulogies and lauds, and after about an hour he left. "Psychological Medicine and Nervous Diseases," of which Dr. Andrews spoke, were more puzzling than the tariff, and the next thing on the programme was a paper on the "Rapprochement between American and British Alienists as to the Employment of Mechanical Restraint in Insanity." Secretary Bayard's address was well received and a smile went over the audience when he spoke of himself as one of its great army of patients. And what an army this must be! Each of these 3,000 doctors has probably given at least a half bushel of pills in his lifetime, and 1,500 bushels of pills must have created a great deal of trouble in the stomachs of this army of patients. Think of the barrels of castor oil they have prescribed and of the stomachs they have pumped and of the sawdust they have made of human bones! Think of the ills they have cured and the mistakes they have made; but as to the latter there is one fortunate thing about a doctor's mistakes, and that is that they are generally buried.



RECEPTION TO CHAIRMAN DAVIS.

Some of the most curious sights of the convention were seen in the Armory hall below the theatre. Here the leading druggists and drug makers of the United States and Europe had a grand drug exhibition. It was an international exposition of medical supplies, and the one-fourth acre of space which was devoted to it was made up of pill bottles and patent foods, piled up in every shape conceivable. There were pyramids of patent medicines, glass vases containing bushels of pills, great mounds made of bottles of medicinal wines, electrical machines and sanitary beds, with exhibitors anxious to show them, and crowded among these a throng of visitors numbering thousands. The pills and the liquids were of all colors, and the exhibits were very tastefully arranged, so that the whole looked like a crazy patchwork of color and formed an effect not unpleasant. The impertinuity of the exhibitors, however, filled the air with perpetual clamor. Every one was addressed as doctor, and each exhibitor wanted the doctors to carry away samples of and to taste his own medicine. One man with digestive pills was noted holding one out to a clerical looking student, and saying: "Try a pill, doctor."



PILLS TO SPARE.

At another place a bottle of baby's food was forced upon a visitor, and at a third he was asked to taste some beef juice which had been squeezed by a patent machine out of the raw flesh, and which looked very much like blood. One could not get away from the porous plaster man without carrying a box of his patent plasters out with him, and it was noted that every other man who came out of the exhibition hall was loaded down with pamphlets and bundles, embracing all sorts of articles, from blue mass pills up to peptonized beef.

Dinners and receptions were given to the doctors during the whole week, and the scene in the pension building on Monday night was one blaze of color and splendor. Imagine the square of St. Mar's in Venice

roofed over! Put a fountain surrounded by beautiful plants in its center. Gird the columns which make the promenade around its sides, turn its stone floor into a mosaic tiling, put one gilded gallery after another above the promenade, hang the whole with flags and bunting and light it with a blaze of electric light and you may have some idea of the pension building as it then looked. There were fully 10,000 people present during the reception, and the flags of all nations looked down upon the promenading throng. There were many curious little groups here and there in the grand court, and the Turkish doctor with his fez



BEER TEA EXHIBIT.

and the Chinese doctor in his gown walked together arm in arm. An orchestra played from a balcony in the center of the court; the fountain threw a spray into the air which turned to diamond drops under the rays of the electric light as it fell, and there was an entire lack of formality among the thousands present.

It was the same at the president's reception. The White House never looked prettier than it did the night President and Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with the doctors and their wives.

HON. JOHN A. KASSON,

The President of the Constitutional Commission.

They are celebrating the birth of the constitution of these United States in Philadelphia, otherwise the centennial of the framing and promulgation of the constitution. Hon. John A. Kasson is president of the constitutional commission, and that is why the celebration is expected to be brilliant.

Mr. Kasson has qualities. A Vermonter, beginning life at Burlington in 1822, he has the spirit of the Green Mountaineers in him. At 20 he was graduated from the University of Vermont. He studied law in the Bay state, was admitted to the bar, and went to St. Louis to find a field for his talents, and found it, but journeyed on after a few years to Des Moines, Ia., where he at once began to figure prominently. He became state director of the State bank of Iowa, and then state commissioner to investigate the condition of the executive department of Iowa, and then he became chairman of the Republican state committee. In 1860 he was a delegate to the Chicago convention.

After Lincoln became president, Mr. Kasson was made first assistant postmaster general. He filled that office until the autumn of 1862, when he resigned to accept a nomination for congress. He was defeated in the election. He became United States commissioner to the international postal congress held in Paris in 1863. Coming back he was sent to the Thirty-eighth congress and then to the Thirty-ninth.

In 1867 Mr. Kasson visited Great Britain, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Italy as United States postal commissioner. He succeeded in getting all the governments except France to sign the preliminary agreements. He was a member of the general assembly of Iowa from 1868 to 1873, and was elected to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth congresses. President Hayes appointed him United States minister to Spain, but on account of his plainly expressed views on the Spanish atrocities in Cuba, he declined the office, and was then given the Austrian mission. Afterward he was elected to the Forty-seventh congress, and then became minister to Germany.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

Sketch and Portrait of Its President, George Grover Wright.

Hon. George Grover Wright, who was elected president of the American Bar association at its recent meeting in Saratoga, N. Y., was born at Bloomington, Ills., March 24, 1820, his parents having settled there in 1817. His brother Joseph, now deceased, held various positions of trust under the Federal government and was a member of congress. George G. Wright has been somewhat of a cripple from childhood, rheumatism having marked him for its own at the early age of 5. He was educated at the Indiana State university and was graduated in 1839; studied law at Rockville, Ind., with his brother; went to Iowa in 1840, and was elected public prosecutor of Van Buren county in 1845. Three years later he was made a state senator as a whig and served four years. In 1855 he was made chief justice of the supreme court of Iowa by the legislature, filling this position till 1860. Some time later—having in the meantime declined a re-nomination—upon the death of Judge Stockton he was again appointed to the position of chief justice, and served till 1870, when he was elected to the United States senate as a Republican, in which body he served six years, and being placed on the finance, judiciary, claims and other committees. He declined a re-nomination to the senate, and, having removed to Des Moines, in 1865, re-entered upon the practice of law. For five years now Judge Wright has been retired from active life. For five years he was president of the Iowa Agricultural society, and for some time he was one of the trustees of the Iowa Agricultural college. In 1865 he assisted in organizing the Iowa college of law at Des Moines, which institution, after the graduation of three classes, was merged with the State university, at Iowa City, where it is still in operation and where Judge Wright still delivers lectures. Judge Wright has always been an enthusiastic supporter of popular education, and was a school officer before he became of age.



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