

DRUG HABIT

GROWTH OF DANGEROUS EVIL IS SEEN

Prof. Quackenbos and Dr. Parkhurst Join in Deploing Present Conditions "Common Among All Classes," Declares the Former Columbia Professor—Testimony of the Present Superintendent of Bellevue Hospital.

NEW YORK—According to Prof. John Duncan Quackenbos, specialist in nervous and mental diseases, member of many American and foreign medical societies, and formerly of the Columbia university faculty, the drug habit is spreading at an alarming rate among the women of New York. To a representative of the Sunday World he said:

"It is with real alarm that I note the rapid growth of the drug habit among women in New York city."

"School misses and college girls in large numbers are among those through whom the drug habit is spreading. It was pointed out recently of a luncheon given here in New York at which 24 debutantes, many of them of high rank, and 15 of them smoked seven dozen cigarettes.

"An everyone knows, the punch being largely shared in the growth of the drug habit among women of New York. It is found in all functions, and many a girl has not her first taste of opium in saying that out of 100 drinks sold in New York city, 95 are whisky not more than one is the real counterfeits whisky.

"But so cleverly is whisky counterfeited today that club connoisseurs cannot detect it, as was shown in an experiment made recently by Dr. D. H. Huntington of the board of health. Dr. Huntington went around and collected a number of samples of whisky from saloons of all classes, took the samples to his club, where he had several expert mixers test them, and much to his surprise the cheap im-

itations of whisky were judged to be the real thing.

"It stands to reason, of course, that the great proportion of the liquor sold is counterfeit, when it is known that the consumption is far in excess of the ability of distillers and brewers to produce the genuine product. Advertisements and criminal counterfeits must be resorted to in order to meet the demand, but it is noted that there have been imitations of Bellevue's alcoholic ward who have never tasted a drop of real whisky in their lives.

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"The effect of the habit is noted, the dull, sunken eyes and pinched faces, and the continuance of the use of the drug leads to nervous wreckage, delirium and insanity."

New Yorkers Becoming Hysterical

BY DR. S. T. ARMSTRONG, (Superintendent of Bellevue and the Allied Hospitals).

THE New Yorkers are becoming a hysterical people. They show an increasing excitement, a diminished self-control, and a diminished ability to resist temptation. The demonstration itself in all forms of excesses, less and less restraint is exercised. The extreme tension of life here is showing on the people. One sees plenty of examples of this in individual life. A vast demonstration of it among a mass of the people is shown in the increasing hysteria of such celebrations as those of the night before the New Year. What is true of the city men is true of the city women. The increase of drunkenness is a distressing fact. It is a natural outcome of the restlessness, the overstraining, the uncertainty of present day life in New York.

This subject is of tremendous importance to the city men and women who are confronting, what the future has in store for us, just where and how we are threatened. One may form an opinion as to the increasing hysteria among women from such exhibitions as those of New Year's eve, but beyond that it is not easy to get an idea of the extent of the hysteria on the question. The subject has had no investigation of scientific value. One cannot speak exactly as to conditions.

ber and drink the wine. But she found that she could not lift the wine, and she was forced to be cured and wasted but little time in rushing into temptation.

"Conditions might not be so bad, however, if women or men drank real, pure whisky, real, pure wine and real, pure honey of all sorts, but that don't. They think they do, but what they are really drinking is a deadly poison, and one which in its execution I feel safe in saying that out of 100 drinks sold in New York city, 95 are whisky not more than one is the real counterfeits whisky.

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"A case was pointed out recently of a luncheon given here in New York at which 24 debutantes drank 36 bottles of champagne, and 15 of them smoked seven dozen cigarettes."—Dr. Quackenbos.

"It is rather surprising how many of our school children have become beer drinkers, especially those of foreign birth, and the habit is making them mentally sluggish to a degree that is attracting the attention of educators and philanthropists.

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Dr. Parkhurst Says "It Is a Fact"

WHEN a representative of the Sunday World read portions of Dr. Quackenbos' article to Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, he said:

"It is undoubtedly true, and a deplorable fact, that the drug habit is growing rapidly among the women of New York."

"I have not made a real investigation, as Dr. Quackenbos has, but one does not have to investigate; it is a fact which stares you in the face. It is all on the surface, and we cannot overlook it.

"A chief reason for this increase in the number of women who drink is, I believe, that there has been too much prosperity. Of course, just now we are passing through a period of hard-

times, so to speak, but before the panic for a number of years the country was most prosperous, everybody had money, and life became too easy. When life is made too easy we are in a danger zone and more prone to give way to temptation. That long period of prosperity made us too material, also turned the desires of many only

to what they could see and eat and drink.

"I suppose the growth of the drug habit has grown principally among the women of the rich and the middle class, at least reasonable to believe so, as they have the money and time to indulge in such a habit. Idleness is usually dangerous.

"Another phase in the drug question is the quality of a liquor. Dr. Quackenbos points out to a shameless adulteration in whisky, but let me ask you: Is it tolerated? Where is our pure food law? Why, it is in our hearts and minds, but it is not in the hearts or minds of the authority of the police or the courts. If it were, the law would be enforced.

"The growing tendency of the American people is a disregard for laws. We have plenty of good laws, but they are not enforced. That is the whole trouble. The men who should enforce the law are not doing so, and the people who elect those men to do it do not make them do it, and they keep on electing men who will not do it.

"Our mayor is sworn to be active in the enforcement of the laws, but I believe that as a rule, he is not. He is inactive, what you expect, he is not. He is to blame for this. He is the man to whom the lesser officials look, and he becomes too easy. This is the result. Inactivity! All along the line and our laws become mere legislative matter.

"We also send incompetency to our legislative bodies in Albany. We have done so for years and probably will keep on doing so. We know that we are electing men who have little respect for a large majority of the men we send there, so how can we have any respect for the laws they make? We cannot have respect for those laws and we have not."

Rev. Dr. Charles Parkhurst.

AGGRESSES SET THE FASHIONS, Exploit Something Novel and Matinee Girls Take It Up.

Even the most enthusiastic of the matinee girls, who know little of how much their favorite actresses have had to do with popularizing their fashions, says the Columbus Dispatch.

Now that short sleeves are out, it is not everybody who will remember that the new sleeve that has supplanted them owes its fitted shape to a friend of theirs who first invented the thing and closely wrinkled outside. It was introduced by the little, dark, and active, and as a dainty lace covering in her carriage.

Oiga Netsheloff will be remembered for her braided hair, which she introduced the style of her hair, which is drawn low over her ears, being so low, but wondrously effective when it does not show. Probably no girl would have dared to wear it, though, if it had not been for the beautiful Panama.

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