

DISEASES OF TRADES.

RESULTS OF CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF MEN WHO WORK.

It Appears That Each Kind of Employment Has Its Peculiar Ailment—Both Physical and Mental Workers Fall Under the Rule—Politicians Die Early.

It is well known that there are a number of dangerous trades which give rise to serious diseases; but, as a matter of fact, almost every occupation has some ailment peculiar to itself. A doctor can always tell if his patient is a baker, for instance, by the state of his teeth. The flour dust collects on the teeth, becomes acid and gives rise to a special kind of decay. Bakers, owing to their irregular life, sleeping in the day and working at night, and because of the hot air and dust, are great victims to consumption. Blacksmiths, strong as they are, very often suffer from paralysis of the whole right side from the continuous shock of hammering, and their eyes become weak from the glare of the fire. Athletes, strange to say, do not, as a rule, enjoy long life. Professional boxers, wrestlers, gymnasts, cyclists, are short lived and suffer from enlargement of the heart and diseases of the lungs. Boiler-makers get deaf from the continual loud noise. Brewers and brewers' drivers drink beer in such large quantities that they ruin their livers and generally die young. Bricklayers and plasterers are very healthy, and they are said to resemble asses in never dying. Butchers are very strong and healthy, but they suffer in health through eating little pieces of raw meat. Cabmen are noted for "nipping," and they endure the natural consequences. The cold also affects their faces to such a degree that the muscles of the face become frequently paralyzed.

Carpenters and cabinet makers are afflicted with varicose veins in the legs, and the action of the shoulder in sawing and planing produces a diseased condition of the large artery that runs from the heart to the arm, so that there is not a carpenter living, a doctor says, in whom a curious noise may not be heard by applying the ear to that blood vessel. Hardly a single china scourer lives to old age without becoming asthmatic. Clergyman's sore throat is of course well known. It is said by some to result from having the mouth open so frequently, the air going in that way and drying the throat. Others say it is caused by the clerical collar. And others still say it results from the fact that the clergyman preaches from a pulpit and has to bend his head downward—for barristers, who talk quite as much, do not suffer as much as clergymen, being on the same level as their hearers.

Mixers, from working in the dark, become very irritable. Their eyes get weak, and their lungs become quite black—miners' lung. Cooks, particularly male cooks working in hotels, clubs and restaurants, get gout from continually tasting rich food, and both male and female cooks get varicose veins and flat feet from long standing as well as the well known ache of the face from the heat and dirt. Coopers have a lump on the knee, which is really a little bag of fluid put there by nature to protect the knee from the injurious effects of pressing it against the barrel. Divers' hearts become distended from holding their breath.

Domestic servants are remarkable for suffering from typhoid fever. Housemaids are frequently afflicted with poverty of blood from drinking tea and running up stairs. Dressmakers' long hours and confinement result in consumption very often, but more often in indigestion, poverty of blood and im-

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Some of the People Who Seek Fame Through Uncommon Channels.

"I think if all the cranks in this country were corralled," remarked the clerk in the treasury department, "and put under a shed somewhere it would require one bigger than all the buildings at the World's fair."

"Would there really be anybody to do the corraling?" inquired a pessimistic old party, who thinks there is none good—no, not one.

"As I was saying," continued the treasury clerk, "it would take the biggest shed on earth, and still there is a new kind. This time it is a man or woman who has been sending in 10 cents at a time as a contribution to the conscience fund, with a name signed in full, and there is no such name on the treasury books and never has been. I suppose it is merely some crank who thinks he or she will get that name in the papers and have that much fame out of it."

"That's silly enough," chipped in a postoffice inspector, "but I heard of the oddest chap on my last trip down south. You may not know, or, if you do, don't pay much attention to the fact, that there is a fine of \$10 for sending written matter through the mails under any rate except 2 cents an ounce. Very likely you have sent enough stuff written on papers, books and so on to bankrupt you if you had the fines to pay, but Uncle Sam is easy, and I don't know of a case where anybody ever had to pay the fine. In this instance a man came into a certain office down south and gave the postmaster \$500, being the amount of fines he owed the government for violation of postage laws as far as he could recall them. He was a young man, and he stated that he had violated the law while in love with a girl to whom he sent papers and books occasionally, and, though he wrote to her every day, he couldn't let the others go without writing something on them. The postmaster didn't know how to act in the premises, and just what he would have done finally nobody knows, but the next day the young man's father came to the postmaster and told him that his son had been jilted by his sweetheart, and it had crazed him. This was an explanation which satisfied the official, and the money was returned."

"Ugh!" grunted the pessimistic old party, in no wise affected by the pathos of the little story. "Only a crazy person or an idiot would ever think of settling square with Uncle Sam for a little bunco game like that."—Washington Star.

MARCH HAS ITS VIOLETS.

And There is a Bright and Cheerful Side to Everything.

Edward W. Bok, under the title of "The Odor of Spring Violets," writes most forcibly in The Ladies' Home Journal on the theme that there is a bright side to everything—even to March, the most disagreeable month of the year, for it has its spring violets. "It is true," he writes, "that it is difficult sometimes to see the bright side of sorrow, sickness and death. And yet there is distinctly a bright side. No sorrow comes to us without a reason. We never know our friends until sorrow or illness comes to us. We never know what loving kindness and thoughtfulness mean until we stand in need of them, and our hearts seem to beat against the walls of a cold, merciless world. We learn something from every grief and from each pain which comes to us. We learn to distinguish between friends, and what more priceless possession is there in the whole range of knowledge than this? What develops us more than trouble? Virtues of heart, which we never dreamed of as existing within us, reveal themselves when we are sorely tried. That is why sorrow and trials are given us—not to give pain, but to develop us, to better equip us for something unknown which lies in the future, and which we could not meet or understand unless we had first gone through certain experiences.

"We are far too apt to regard actual blessings as calamities, to look upon the dark side of things. Some sorrow comes to us, and we rebel. It never occurs to us that perhaps we need the experience which sorrow alone can give. Illness comes, and we fret. But we cannot always be well. Ailments are very often given to us to make our appreciation of good health the keener. God has an aim, a direct purpose, in everything he does. His blessings come in different forms. Nor are these forms always such as we would choose. Lessons can be more effectively taught in innumerable cases through sorrow than through pleasure. We should never know what a pure, beautiful color white is if we did not have black to bring out the contrast. We want only pleasure in our lives. When sorrow comes, we rebel and refuse to recognize it for what it so often is—a blessing in disguise. We cannot always have it June. There must be March. Yet March has its spring violets."