

The Kent News.

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DRUG-STORE POOLS.

"Yes," said the pharmacist, "I confess that I keep a liquor bar behind my drug-store. I tell you this without prejudice. I wouldn't tell it to everybody. I should certainly never dream of mentioning it to a policeman—unless he wanted a drink. Do you know why I run a reserved gin-mill? Why do I afford me greater facilities for studying my fellow-man. A druggist ought to have a fine knowledge of human nature. After five years of steady experience, I am unable now to say whether the biggest fools look at me through the bottom of tumblers in the backroom or over the counter in the drugstore. I will describe a sample of each kind."

"A lady came into the store yesterday and asked me for five cents worth of carbolic acid. It was a small amount to order, but I made it up for her and just before putting the poison label on it, I said, with assumed carelessness, 'How are you going to use this?'"

"It is for my husband," she answered. "He is going to drink it."

"Of course I knew that carbolic acid was cheaper than divorce, and much more certain; but I was greatly startled. She noticed the expression in my face, and asked hastily: 'Oh, I shall mix it with plenty of water.'"

"Why, madame," said I, "you must be in a great hurry to get rid of your husband if you are going to give him a drink of this acid. It is a deadly poison."

"Is it possible?" said the lady. "Let me see; surely it was carbolic acid my husband wanted. I know it was acid of some kind. But I forgot, he has written the name on a piece of paper. Here it is."

"Tartaric acid was what was written on the paper, and I wrapped up five cents' worth for her."

"Now," she asked, as she took it, "if I had killed my husband with that carbolic acid would it have been your fault or mine?"

"Mine of course," I said. "The drug clerk is always to blame."

"When she had gone out I hurried into the rear room, where a man who had entered by the side door was coughing as though his throat was becoming greater than he could bear. He wanted some whiskey and I handed him the bottle and a glass, with a small amount of water. He first took a gulp of water, as many of my customers do, just to clear his throat so as to get the full force of the whiskey."

"By the way," he said, as he put down the tumbler, "what was that woman in the store saying about carbolic acid?"

"I told him the story, and he listened very attentively."

"The laziest idiot," he said, when I had finished. "Such women should not be allowed to go about unattended. If there is one thing in this world I detest more than another, it is a fool."

"He reminded the tumbler, paid me fifteen cents and walked out without touching the whiskey. He thought he had sandwiched it as usual between the two drinks of water."

Diamond Tipped Teeth.

I was in a dentist office up town the other day when a woman was seated in the chair, when I noticed a flashing light from the point of one of her teeth which struck me as being the reflected rays from a diamond. I felt as much to the dentist when he came to speak with me, and he astonished me by replying: "This is just what we have called here whose front teeth are so badly injured that filling them with gold would be a waste of money. By putting in a small diamond with a gold setting the disfigurement is less noticeable. I had a remarkable case not long since. A wealthy Carolina gentleman brought me his daughter to have her teeth examined. One of her upper front teeth had the peculiar formation of a pearl. The pearl was not complete, but was sufficiently defined and distinct so that there could be no mistake about it. The companion tooth was badly decayed and her father desired to have a diamond set in it. The young lady is in New York at the present time, but is going abroad to have her education."

It is Well To Remember

That economy is a great reward. That not every one who dances is glad. That it is as natural to die as to be born. That the road is never long to a friend's house.

That we have all forgotten more than we remember. That busy lives, like busy water, are generally pure.

That labor discharges no man, while man discharges labor. That the strongest men are often the most tender-hearted.

That life is too short to be spent in minding other people's business. That he who buys a horse need of a hundred eyes, and he who sells him enough of one.

That inclination never wants an excuse, and if one won't do, there are a dozen others ready at hand.

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