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London Physican Blames Sweets for Youog Folk's Deterioration.

In the course of a lecture delivered in London recently Proffesor Ogston said that after many years of medical experience among children he was convinced there were many in whom the tendency to sugar gluttony has become so strong in their infatuation for it that it resembled the craving of a drunkard for liquor, says the St. James Gazette. Such saccharomaniacs showed early disappearances of the teeth and other grave troubles. He thought future scientists would place the evils of sugar gluttony on a pedestal as conspicuous as the drink question as causing deterioration of individuals and races.

The views expressed by the eminent specialist, however sensational they may appear, are amply borne out by facts and medical opinion generally holds that the serious deterioration of children is directly attributable to the great consumption of sweets and to the ingredients of which the bulk of these are compounded. A well-know doctor said that pure sweets in themselves, and taken moderately, would not be seriously harmful. But confectionary was made so cheap nowdays that the poorest ingredients and many dangerous chemicals had to be used.

One of the largest confectioners in London revealed the methods employed in the manufacture of cheap sweets by the unscrupulous firms in the Eeat End of London, who do a huge business in these goods at four ounces a penny.

"There is a lot of adulteration in the sweet trade unfortunately, and strangely it has never received proper attention. Cochineal is used on a very large scale to cover toffes and in the making of several varieties of drops. Tons of the fruit sweets are quite innocent of fruit and are colored by chemicals. Chocolates are another line which lends easily to adulteration, and some vile substitutes for the pure cocoa butter are in the market.

"Then these firms use cheap glucose, which, as has been found over and over again, contains arsenic or some other poisonous matter, and siuce brewers have fought shy of the material—that is, since the beer scare—huge quantities of inferior glucose have found their way to these backstairs confectioners. Some of these people, too, make their toffes and sticjaw from treacle of the most injurious kind, and much of the butter toffees and butterscotch sold at abominably low prices contain more bad fat grease than butter."

"Is there any way of preventing the sale of such sweets?"

"I should think there was, but nothing is done. No wonder Professor Ogoston spoke so strongly; it is a terrible evil.

The children, of course, buy where they can get the most for their money, and get these goods, every line of which, it is not saying to much, is poisonous or dangerous and injurious to health.

Not only the question of ingredients, but the condition under which these sweets are made, ought to be closely inquired into. There is a factory act, but how many of the cheap sweet manufacturers come under it?"—Ex.

A RETRACTION.

In the May number of The Ladies' Home Journal we published, in the article entitled "The 'Patent-Medicine' Curse," and analysis of "Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription," in which that preparation was represented as conatining, among other ingredients, tincture of digitalis, tincture of opium, and alcohol. Immediately upon publication of the number a suit for damages was instituted by The R. V. Pierce Medical Company, of Buffalo, New York, proprietors of the preparation, in question, against The Curtis Publishing Company, based upon the claim that none of the three ingredients was contained in the medicine.

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Upon the filing of the suit, we, of course, immediately looked into the published analysis. It appears that this particular analysis had been made, if made at all, fully twenty-years ago. We, thereupon, employed three leading chemists in different cities to make an analysis of the preparations from bottles bought in the open market. These analyses, one and all, now show to us conclusively that not a single one of the ingredients mentioned by us in the analyses quoted—that is, either digitalis, opium or olcohol—was contained in the bottles analyzed. We then—the President of this Company and the writer—personally visited The R. V. Pierce Medical Company, at Buffalo, and were their convinced that the officers of the Company were absolutely truthful in their claim that not one of these injurious ingredients was contained in "Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription." Naturally, since the analysis we printed has been proved erroneous, the deductions made in connection with this preparation were unwarranted and unfounded.

Under these circumstances it is now perfectly plain to us that this magazine was unintentionally, but nevertheless absolutely misled in making the original statement, and we hereby, of our own volition, make this unqualified acknowledgment of our mistake to The R. V. Pierce Medical Company and to our readers.

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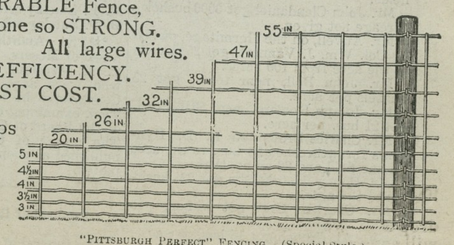
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