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AN EPIDEMIC OF MURDER.

(Quebec Telegraph.)

What is coming over the country? Hardly a day passes of late that the community is not startled and horrified by the news of some fresh murder, suicide, or other terrible deed of blood and crime from which civilized humanity revolts. That we are just now passing through an era or epidemic of murder is as unquestionable as that this Province, hitherto so mortal, comparatively speaking, and so happily free from these awful tragedies, is now having more than its usual share of them, and fast acquiring an unenviable reputation for bloodthirstiness and savagery. To what are we to attribute this melancholy state of things? Force of example on weak or brutish minds, the growing irreligiosity of the age, or the want of proper educational facilities and advantages among the masses? We are not prepared to say which, but it is very probable that all these causes have been more or less contributory to the present murderous and deplorable outbreak at different points of the country. The Rawson butchery, the murders at St. Liboire and St. Canut, the frequent suicides, and the mysterious disappearance, if not murder, of a prominent Montreal capitalist named Lewis, are all so many startling evidences of a growing disregard for the sanctity of human life, which urgently calls for the most serious consideration by all thoughtful minds, and the prompt application of the sharpest remedies by the constituted authorities.

THE SOOTHING POWER OF WORK

To soothe a nervous, excitable child by work is generally considered unwise and unscientific, while some ardent child-lovers go yet farther and call it downright cruelty. But to one who has studied child nature thoughtfully and continuously the idea becomes a reality, not an alarming theory, and a fact which has been too often overlooked by tender parents. The adult is but a child of larger growth, and the state of mind of the average man when kept at home, away from his work, but illustrates the point. Oh dear! I am just worn out," said a wife to me. "John's office was closed to-day because there was a death in the firm's family, and he's been at home. He is so restless and fussy that I just use me up. He fixed up a few little things about the house, read his paper, and then he did not know what to do with himself, and I did not either. He scolded the children, snapped the cook, and upset things generally. I just read these days. His wheel is being repaired or it wouldn't have been so bad," sighed the weary woman.

As with the restless man so it is with the child in a lesser degree. Pay all the time and nothing else but play unsettles him and keeps him in a state of nervous excitement. The play can be changed with the thought left as soon as begun, and the nervous energy flows off like the current of a loose electric wire. Children are educated by wholesome habits, not by rewards and punishments, and one of the first and most healthful of habits is that of self-control and the power of concentration. When an excitable child has nothing more to do all day long than play, the little fancy and imagination spend themselves in ceaseless change. But if a little real work be given, the tiny mind must hold itself steadily in order to accomplish the task, and during the brief period the overstrained nerves get a rest. To be sure, the nerves are in use while the little task is under way, but the slight sustained effort has a tonic effect. Other faculties have a chance to come into play, which gives the balance which purposeless play cannot give. The ambition is stirred, the mind is steadied, continuity of purpose begins, and the excitable nature gets a short period of actual calm.

"But," says an alarmist, "you would not have a slender child like mine do any work? The doctor says I must let her run wild till she gets a strong body, and then she will learn fast enough."

Yes, I do mean that just such children

as yours would be helped out of their nervous condition if they had work—steady—of some kind. Granted if their play could frequently be guided by a wise adult mind that the same results could be gained; but it is not so guided, and the play only aggravates the trouble. Of course the tasks must be small, the lessons brief, but given carefully and gradually, the nervous system comes under control, and as a result the bodily health improves in a way that all the out-door exercise and medicine could not bring about.

It astonishes you? It has astonished others many times, and yet it is true, for I have watched the results many times, and seen slender children grow strong, quiet, self-controlled, under the power of work fitted to their strength. Do not wait too long. This excessive excitability grows apace, and every week increases the child's lack of poise of body and mind.

THE NEWS IN SHORT METRE.

Items of Interest Boiled Down For More Easy Reading.

Archbishop Cleary celebrated at Kingston, the seventeenth anniversary of his consecration a few days ago.

A dust storm swept over the northwest portion of the colony of Victoria on Friday evening, and did a great deal of damage.

Queen Victoria selected the Jewish "Chant of the Dead" as the opening voluntary for the Duchess of Teck's funeral service.

A rumor is in circulation that Prince Bernadotte, of Sweden, second son of King Oscar, will become an African missionary. His wife, it is said, will accompany him.

The Department of the Interior is being urged to have artesian wells sunk in the more arid districts of the Northwest so as to render them profitable as cattle ranges.

The London Daily Mail says that the fire fighting equipment of the city is antiquated and entirely inadequate to cope with a large fire.

Mr. Charles Coghlan, the celebrated English actor, and a brother of Rose Coghlan, will soon produce his refined comedy, "The Royal Box."

The output of the Manitoba creameries this year exceeds in value that of 1896 by \$105,000. Nearly the whole of the output was sold for consumption west of Port Arthur.

In London, which is not only the largest city in the world but one of the best governed, they are preparing to utilize the heat produced by the street lamps. It is estimated that heat wasted by the London street lamps, if turned to practical account, would furnish 120,000,000 gallons of boiling water a year, or about 125 gallons a lamp daily, without any additional cost except the expense of putting up the apparatus.

A copper reservoir of ornamental design accordingly being placed at the top of the street lamp, which adds to rather than detracts from its appearance. This hangs about one foot above the gas jet, so that it receives all the heat, and is large enough to hold four gallons of water. Two pipes connect the reservoir with the pavement. One of them taps the water main and the other furnishes an escape for the overflow into the sewer. By slipping a ha'penny into the slot a valve is opened and a gallon of hot water is released, which can be drawn off by turning a key of the faucet. By an automatic arrangement the valve from the supply pipe is opened and the reservoir is immediately refilled, so that it is always full.

A thermometer attached to the reservoir indicates the temperature of the water, and to prevent explosion safety valves are provided, which permit the steam to escape. It will be put into operation in the poorest districts first, to see what use the poor will make of it. If it succeeds, it may next be found for introducing the water so heated into houses.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT—Little Amie Bourgeois, the three-year-old son of Mr. Albert Bourgeois, of the I. C. K., was the victim of a shooting accident at his home on Lower Robinson street on Saturday. The little fellow accompanied by a girl named White, a few months his senior, whose parents live upstairs, went up to the attic of his father's house, and while rummaging around the girl found a revolver which turned out to be loaded. The revolver was used as a play-toy, and had not been in use very long before the weapon was discharged. The bullet passed through the little lad's upper lip, colliding with the roots of two of his teeth which broke the force of the lead and thus saved his life. The ball brought up at the root of the mouth, but its force being spent did no further damage. The bullet was recovered. The bullet was a 32-calibre revolver, and young Bourgeois' life was only saved by the ball coming in contact with his teeth.—Moncton Times.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., November 28—H. A. Greenley, and five other veterans Grand Rapids hunters, returned from Luce Co. with 25 deer. One day, while Greenley was out alone, he shot a large doe. Her dying run carried her to a bar in the middle of the lake. Greenley stripped to his undershirt and started to wade out. There was ice upon the water, but he broke that with his hands and went out until he was up to his armpits, and could go no further. His flesh was torn and lacerated, by the brush. After trying several places, he finally pulled off his only remaining garment and plunged in. O. Woodworth, another member of the party, reached the place in time to see Greenley climb upon the bar, grab the deer's horns, and push back to shore with his prize. Mr. Greenley donned his clothes in a hurry took a sip of what all hunters carry for such emergencies, and has not felt the slightest inconvenience from his swim in ice.

It is suggested that the delay in the publication of the Pope's decision on the Manitoba school case is caused by suggestions from Canada, conveyed through Mgr. Bruchesi, for a different method of expressing the Papal will.

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Nov. 29 15 wk td

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