

TO KISS OR NOT TO KISS AGAIN UP FOR DEBATE

Osculation Warned Against—
Doctors Say Habit Spreads
Disease.

THE VICTORIAN METHOD

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WASHINGTON — The ancient war against kissing as an extra-hazardous sport, has recently broken out again. Several learned doctors have issued pronouncements on the deadly possibilities of unhygienic osculation.

From Paris comes the report that even new disease has been caused by kissing. It is said that the malady is spreading. From the fragmentary information given, the disease seems to be something like pyorrhea, for the teeth are loosened and the gums are sore.

At the same time a doctor in this country urges that if people must kiss, at least they should forget indulging in the morning kiss as germ-spreading. The doctor in question was probably chiefly concerned with the kissing of children, a practice which has long been looked upon with disfavor by sticklers for a germless existence. Children are much more susceptible to many kinds of disease germs than grown people. They have a great many so-called children's diseases, often unnecessarily, and while there are no figures some doctors hold that these diseases are frequently contracted by kissing.

DISEASE GERMS COLONIZE ON HUMAN LIPS.

The number of bacteria you can catch by one kiss has been carefully calculated by a Viennese physician. He found, presumably by counting them, that there are at least 40,000 microbes on one square centimeter of the human lip. These bacteria may include the germs of scarlet fever, typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis and other dreaded diseases. It has been observed that the mouths of children who have fully recovered from diphtheria, are filled with the germs for a long time afterward. To kiss such a child, and especially for another child to kiss it, is to invite the disease, according to doctors opposed to kissing. They admit that it is possible to kiss a mouth teeming with all sorts of microbes and escape if your body is strong enough to throw off the poisons. But then again you may be in a susceptible condition, and the results are disastrous.

Very impressive all of this. But even while your brain is struggling to picture the horrors of 40,000 bacteria huddled on a human lip, along comes another doctor and says that a thimbleful of milk contains more bacteria than that, and a drink from an ordinary glass is far more microbious (if there is such a word) than a kiss from an ordinary person.

Anyway, what could be done about it? History shows that the desire to kiss is deeply ingrained in civilized humans, so that it would be difficult to eradicate it. It is true that if no one had taught us how to kiss we might never have discovered it for ourselves. It is not an instinct, like laughing or crying. Some savage tribes know nothing of it. They do usually, however, have some method of outwardly indicating affection, such as the Malay kiss which consists of two people rubbing noses together.

ANCIENT KISSING
CUSTOMS RECALLED.

But though kissing is an integral part of conventional conduct, it does seem to be taking a smaller place in the social life of civilized countries. It used to be the custom in England for a girl's partner to kiss her before giving her up at the end of a dance to another man. Further back, the lady of the feudal castle kissed the feet of beggars, even leprosy beggars, on certain religious festivals. And to hark still further back into history, the worship of many pagan gods and goddesses prescribed kissing some part of the image.

The kiss of devotion, kissing between men, and indiscriminate kissing at social functions, have fallen off. Likewise, the kiss of casual friendship, which is still prevalent among girls, is slowly losing popularity. At one time in England it was customary for the hostess of the mansion to kiss her guests, men and women, on their arrival, departure and whenever else it seemed courteous. This custom has long since died out, so far as the men are concerned.

There remain with us chiefly the kisses of love and those of duty. These seem permanent to our civilization. Yet even they change. Here are the rules laid down by an authority on etiquette of the Victorian Age for the perfect kiss: "When a gentleman discovers that everything is propitious, he will politely take the right hand of the lady in his left, then pass his left hand over her right shoulder, and diagonally down to her sweetness with the man who looks warm clasp, full of magnetism and respect. He will not be in a hurry, for such loving experiences always come to an end too soon, and never with complete satisfaction."

And here is how the damsel is supposed to retaliate: "After playfully delaying to comply with the gentleman's advances, the lady will gradually show willingness by resting her head trustingly on his shoulder. A glow will come to her cheeks and blushes will appear. These are the never-fading signs of her readiness to share her sweetness with the man who looks bravely into her half-closed eyes, while manfully drawing her to his bosom like a hero."

Any one who wants instruction in the art as it is now practiced can do better by studying skilled professionals who give sample methods at close range in any moving picture play. This is the one field where the kiss is gaining ground rather than losing it.

The stage kiss used to be a palpable

sham. France went so far as to make it an offense punishable by fine for an actor to give an actress a bonafide kiss unless by her consent. At least one matinee idol of Paris was hauled into court by an angry husband, and ordered to answer for kisses bestowed upon his wife in a love scene.

But now the moving pictures and a passion for realism on the stage have changed the rules, so that what passed for a soulful embrace with a thrilled audience a few years ago would be greeted by jeers if offered as a sample of emotion today. In fact, so intense did film actors become in their efforts to be convincing that the censors of some States had to regulate the number of feet over which a kiss could be extended, the idea being that there are limits beyond which a kiss becomes either tiresome to look at, or too personal for screen use.

Caruso Recovers From Throat Injury

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Enrico Caruso, who broke a small blood vessel in his throat Saturday night, had completely recovered and expects to sing at the Metropolitan Opera House tonight, it was announced today.

FISHERMAN DRAWS FINE.

It cost S. D. Whitaker, 40 North Gladstone avenue, just \$51 for having a spear and fish trap in his possession. Whitaker was arrested by game wardens of the fish and game division of the department of conservation, and was found guilty in the court of Justice of the Peace Glass.

WOULD ADD STATE ENGINEER

Lieber Advocates New Line of Service.

The vital need of adding an engineering division to the State Department of Conservation in order that the beautiful lakes and streams be protected; that drainage projects shall only be gone into after it is certain they will benefit many instead of a few, and for the purpose of reducing danger from floods, was pointed out by Richard Lieber, director of conservation in Indiana, at a conservation meeting to be held at Warsaw on Dec. 17 under the auspices of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Lieber will propose an arrangement between the State Department of Conservation and Purdue University whereby the university would cooperate with the commission in a manner similar to an existing agreement between the department and Indiana University relative to geological research. At a recent conference between members of the commission and Andrew Potter, dean of engineering at Purdue, Professor Potter expressed himself in favor of such an arrangement.

Mr. Lieber will tell Rotarians and their guests that present drainage laws are inefficient, untechnical, unscientific and are a constant menace to public welfare. He will show that the conservation department has power under the law to investigate drainage projects, but no personnel nor appropriation with which to function. Often is the department appealed to for intervention in drainage projects where an enormous amount of money is to be spent to make available a few thousand acres of soil of questionable fertility, at the expense of several lakes which annually bring to the community wherein they are located, many times more money from tourist trade than the soil probably could.

"Hoosier streams today are open sewers carrying the waste and filth of our numerous industries and cities. Miles of our rivers are so polluted as to prohibit fish life and prevent the use of water for humans. What once was a source of food, recreation and health has now become a public menace."

"The law under which we must act is insufficient and gives only temporary relief. When a violator is prosecuted we have insufficient men to keep watch to see that he does not return to his former practices."

A state engineer, Mr. Lieber will point out, would require a special personnel for pollution investigations, including a sanitary engineer and biological chemist. Little work has been done in the treatment of industrial wastes and the proposed division would have many new and difficult problems to solve. Complaints could then be immediately answered, offenders brought to task and definite, necessary and adequate results achieved.

There is an absolute need of a State engineer with sufficient staff to thoroughly study proposed drainage areas in the field as to their practicability and recommend logical changes in established drainage systems for more effective results.

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TO DECIDE BY TOSS OF COIN

Anti-Jewett Council Majority
to Name President.

Present indications are that the presidency of the city council, which is to be conferred on some member the first meeting night in January, will be parceled out by the anti-administration majority to the one of their number who wins the toss of a coin.

Not one of the five anti-administration members will say that they are anxious to have the job. Three of them have already held it. Louis W. Carmichael was president in 1918, William B. Peake in 1919 and Gustav G. Schmidt holds the honor at present.

The anti-administration group intends to hold on to the advantage of the presidency to the end of their four-year term. It was thought recently that they might break the solid front they have maintained against all supporters of Mayor Charles W. Jewett and help elect Russell Wilson, administration leader for three years, but this now appears to be unthought of. The anti-Jewett majority to give the administration no end of trouble in its final year in the hope that this may help to drive Mayor Jewett and County Treasurer Ralph Lemcke out of control of the Republican county and city organization, it is said.

The two anti-administration councilmen who have not been president are Dr. O. B. Pettijohn and Lee J. Kirsch. Neither of these men are thought to be willing to assume the duties of the chair, so observers generally agree the president will be picked from among Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Carmichael or Mr. Peake. Mr. Schmidt has stated on a number of occasions that he does not want the job again, because he wants a rest and believes he can do more effective work from the floor. This leaves the choice between Mr. Peake and Mr. Carmichael. It has been suggested that these gentlemen match pennies, not to see who gets the office, but who does not have to take it.

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'MORTON'S' CHAIR IN FEDERAL USE

Civil War Relic in Customs
Collector's Office.

Few persons who call on James H. Fry, collector of customs and custodian of the Federal Building and are invited to sit in the large, judicial-looking arm chair which always stands at the right of his desk, know the story of the fine old piece of furniture. If they did many would sit in it with more reverence and less carelessness.

diana, was a relative of Postmaster Holloway and he frequently conferred with him at the postoffice. He always sat in the big black chair.

When the postoffice was moved to the present Federal building in 1905 new furniture was bought for practically all the offices. "Governor Morton's" chair, however, was saved and installed in the custodian's office, where it has been on duty every day since.

Downtown Property Bought by W. H. Block

The property at 10-12 East Washington street, occupied on the first floor by the W. L. Douglas Shoe Company and the Stout Factory Shoe Store Company, has been bought by William H. Block from Mrs. Elizabeth R. New, widow of John C. New, the consideration being \$300,000 cash.

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