

DISCOVERS SAFETY TABLET.

Physician Mixes Bichloride of Mercury with an Emetic.

In the June issue of Pediatrics, a monthly medical magazine, Dr. William Edward Fitch, its editor, announces that he has succeeded in compounding a bichloride of mercury tablet which, if swallowed by any one, will have no more serious result than to cause nausea. He explains that his tablet contains tartar emetic so compounded that it will exert its full action before the corrosive sublimate. At his home, 355 West 145th Street, Dr. Fitch said last night:

"If this compound is taken, the worst it can do is to make the person sick at the stomach. In a few days I am going to the farm of an up-State physician where I shall try the compound on dogs. I was a member of the commission from this city that appeared last February before the Codes Committee at Albany when the bichloride of mercury bill was before the Senate. Since that time I have investigated the question from many viewpoints, and advocate State and Federal legislation to regulate the sale of bichloride of mercury, but we want legislation which will not put a hardship on laymen and druggists."

This is Dr. Fitch's compound: Bichloride of mercury, 7 3/10 grains; ammonium chloride, 7 7/10 grains, and 1 1/4 grains of tartar emetic. The tablet, he said, was larger than the average bichloride of mercury tablet, and contained as many grains of bichloride of mercury as the average tablet.

200,000 AT CONEY ISLAND.

Crowd Stirred by False Alarm of Fire and a Street Car Accident.

Coney Island had a big day yesterday. About 200,000 persons went down to the shore by boat, elevated train, and surface car, but it was an orderly assemblage and the 100 extra policemen who were on duty there had very little to do. The few arrests made were all for minor offenses. About thirty-five lost children were reported.

The crowd found momentary excitement in a fire alarm turned in from the Bowery, near Compton's wharf, but after the entire Coney Fire Department had responded it was discovered that the alarm had been rung by accident and that there was no fire.

At Luna Park it was said that the receipts were the largest for so early in the season since the opening day eleven years ago. Steeplechase Park had 95,000 visitors.

Gravesend Avenue, which is used by eight or ten car lines, was blockaded from 2 until 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a collision between an outward-bound Vanderbilt Avenue car and a motor truck belonging to the Borden Condensed Milk Company, which backed out of a garage at the corner of Gravesend Avenue and Village Road just in time to hit the car. No great damage was done. Three passengers on the car were slightly hurt by flying glass. They were James Maloney of 479 Eighteenth Street, Mrs. A. Nobley of 1,749 Fortieth Street, and William Powell of 616 Sixteenth Street, Brooklyn.

BRIDGE TRAFFIC TIED UP.

One Car Breaks an Axle on Brooklyn Span and Two Others Collide.

Traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge was held up early last evening for about forty minutes by the breaking of the rear axle of a De Kalb Avenue trolley car as it drew near to the Brooklyn tower on the north roadway. Owen Ferry, the motorman, quickly shut off the electric power and none of the passengers was injured except Mrs. Louise Leroy of 595 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, who was slightly bruised by being thrown from her seat. Capt. O'Toole of the Bridge A Squad and several patrolmen kept order among the crowd that collected, waiting for transportation, while the wrecking crew was clearing the tracks.

Another accident that delayed bridge traffic for fifteen minutes occurred at 4:30 in the afternoon at the Sands Street terminal in Brooklyn, when two east-bound Gates Avenue cars came into collision. Several of the passengers were shaken up. Among those who reported injuries were William Rogers, a dentist of 506 Hancock Street, and Mary Hochart of 288 Quincy Street, Brooklyn, and Julia Thomilson, 60 years old, of 423 West 120th Street, Manhattan. Both cars were slightly damaged.

RICH SPANIARD A SUICIDE.

Joseph Rocha Hanged Himself from Doorknob—Left No Explanation.

Joseph Rocha, a Spaniard, 52 years old, was found dead yesterday morning in his room at the home of Mrs. L. Mendez at 44 Rutland Road, Flatbush. He had boarded for years with Mrs. Mendez, for whom he managed a chain of cigar stores left her by her husband fifteen years ago. She said that he came of a wealthy family and owned much property in Cuba.

The dead man was lying huddled on the floor, the door of the room slightly ajar, and a length of clothesline was tied about his neck, the loose end wound about his legs above the knees. At first the police were inclined to think they had a case of homicide to deal with, but the fact that marks were found on the door which indicated that the rope had been thrown over it, finally led them to accept the case as a suicide. They think the rope became detached from the door and wound itself about his legs during his death struggles.

Rocha left no notes. Mrs. Mendez said two of his suitcases were packed and that he was to make his annual trip to Spain in a few days. She could give no reason for his wishing to die, but said she had noticed that he had seemed morose lately.