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# The White Ribbon.

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## U.S.A. DOCTORS' OPINIONS.

"Alcohol produces fatty degeneration  
of the heart, hence cannot be a food to  
the heart-muscle."

"Alcohol has no place in the treat-  
ment of the sick."

"Alcoholic liquors are rarely used as  
medicine, except by foreigners and some  
of the doctors in high service."

"Non-alcoholic treatment of pneumo-  
nia saves lives."

"Alcohol is passing as a popular re-  
medy."

"Alcohol is rapidly going out of use  
as a medicine."

"As a medicine, alcohol has been a  
failure."

"I have seen a patient killed by  
whisky given to him by a friend in a  
case of Bright's disease. I seldom  
hear of liquor being ordered by physi-  
cians nowadays."—Pres. County Medical  
Association, New Jersey.

"If alcohol users nearly all die when  
attacked by pneumonia, as is the case,  
why use alcohol in trying to cure this  
disease."

"Increased vitality is necessary to re-  
sist infection. Alcohol lowers vitality.  
You cannot free the system of disease  
by clogging it as alcohol will."

"In pneumonia the use of alcohol  
adds a poison to a system already poi-  
soned by the disease."

"Alcohol is useless and harmful in  
pneumonia. I have not used alcohol in  
typhoid or pneumonia for 25 years."

"I believe that alcohol has no im-  
portant uses in medicine, and I should  
rejoice to see Prohibition come."—Prof.  
of Medicine, Harvard.

"I have never had occasion to use any  
alcoholic beverage internally in the  
treatment of disease. In my judgment  
its use is detrimental."—Dr. J. Earl  
Else, Portland, Oregon.

"I have never known a single in-  
stance in my entire experience of thirty  
years, which includes a rather extensive  
practice, in which I thought alcohol had  
been of the slightest benefit to any pa-  
tient, either in my practice or in the  
practice of anyone else. I cannot ap-  
preciate the mental process of any  
physician who advocates the use of al-  
cohol in the practice of medicine or as  
a beverage."—Dr. R. C. Coffey, Port-  
land, Oregon.

"I do not consider alcohol one of the  
drugs necessary for the successful treat-  
ment of life. I believe there are other  
liquors."—Dr. G. W. Garrison, Little  
Rock, Arkansas, State Health Officer.

"I get along successfully without the  
use of alcohol as medicine. I do not con-  
sider that it has food value, and it has  
very little medicinal value."—Dr. F. G.  
Murray, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"If every one knew what alcohol is  
they would hesitate to drink it either as  
beverage or medicine. Alcohol is a  
toxin. It is a waste product thrown off  
from the bodies of bacteria (yeast), while

these organisms are feeding on starches  
and sugar. Bacteria causes disease by  
means of their toxin. Alcohol being a  
toxin, causes disease in the same man-  
ner as the toxin of any other disease-  
producing bacteria. When one drinks  
alcohol a waste product analogous to  
the waste products thrown off by the  
human body is being consumed. Alco-  
hol is a narcotic sedative, and not a  
stimulant, except indirectly as an irrit-  
ant. These are two interesting facts  
regarding alcohol not generally known.  
If they were of common knowledge I  
am sure the National Prohibition  
Amendment would be unnecessary."—  
Dr. Forrest C. Tyson, Augusta, Maine,  
Superintendent State Hospital.

"Personally I see no necessity for the  
use of alcoholic liquors in the practice  
of medicine."—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur,  
President American Medical Association,  
1923.

"The facts as to the use of alcohol  
should be repeated and constantly pre-  
sented before scientific medical bodies  
until the foolish old men who still cater  
to an alcoholised clientele cease to have  
their present influence towards an unin-  
telligent medical practice and the per-  
petuation of a degrading custom."—  
From a professor in a leading medical  
college of an Eastern State.

## WELL PLACED.

A stranger in an American town in  
the Middle West asked a resident for  
the "location" of the various churches  
in the town.

"They are all in the usual places," the  
resident answered, "and you will have  
no difficulty in finding them. The  
Jewish Synagogue is next door to the  
bank; the Baptists are close down by  
the river; the Presbyterians are near  
the cold storage; the Salvation Army  
just opposite the fire station; the Con-  
gregationalists are just by the laundry;  
the Episcopal Church is in the same  
block as the theatre; and the Methodists  
are next door to the gasworks."

## BREEDING ANARCHISTS.

You laugh at the Prohibition laws:  
the libertine laughs at the marriage  
laws; the anarchist laughs at the prop-  
erty laws—watch out or your son will  
laugh at all laws! Let's quit laughing  
at any law!—Colonel Dan Morgan  
Smith.