

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL.

Few People Know How Useful It Is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the purpose of cleansing the system.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of the better it is. It is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities always present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

Charcoal sweetens the breath after smoking, drinking or eating onions and other odorous vegetables. Charcoal effectively cleans and improves the complexion, it whitens the teeth and further acts as a natural and eminently safe cathartic.

It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges will soon tell in a much-improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the blood, and throat, and also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but a few cents, and are sold at all drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

the Panama Railroad company last year.

"I do not carry those figures in my mind, sir, and it is impossible for me to remember the exact figures. As I say, I am not one of the managing officers of the company, and those who are here, I suppose, prepared to give you that information. The amount of fees (you call them fees) received by you from the Panama Railroad company last year."

"Something less than, or about, \$10,000."

"How many directors and members of the executive committee are there?"

"There are five members of the executive committee and 13 members of the executive board."

Mr. Brown was allowed to give way on the stand to Vice President Drake, who was questioned by members of the sub-committee at length as to details of the bookkeeping of the company.

The last statement made by Mr. Drake was that Admiral Walker had bought 100 shares of the stock of the company, and that each of the other commissioner-directors was credited on the books with one share, and each received the dividends on his stock.

"I would like to see how much the officers of this company know about its business."

He began a rapid fire interrogation:

"What is the total cost of maintenance of the New York office?"

"I should say it was less than \$100,000," replied Mr. Brown.

"What are the salaries paid?"

"I do not carry details in my head, I could not answer."

"Can you answer within \$50,000 of it?"

"I don't care to guess."

"What is your position?"

"I am a director."

"What is your salary?"

"No compensation."

"I have a compensation of \$10 upon attending the meetings, twice a week, of the executive committee, and \$25 upon attending the meetings of the board of directors."

"Then there are 24 and 104 meetings a year to be attended. Are these meetings pretty generally full?"

"Reasonably well attended."

"What other salaries are there?"

"The president's salary is \$10,000; the vice president has a salary of about \$5,000. There is a secretary, and an auditor, traffic manager, purchasing agents and various others."

"Can you tell what they aggregate?"

"I cannot answer that question off-hand."

"Can you approximate it?"

"No, sir."

"Are you a member of the executive committee?"

"I have been."

"Are you not now?"

"Yes, sir."

"What were the gross receipts of the company last year in the city of New York for its business there aggregated about \$500,000?"

"I could not answer that."

"Can you approximate it?"

"No, sir."

"What percentage of the gross receipts of the Panama Railroad company are expended for salaries, office rent and similar expenses in the city of New York?"

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