

HAS NO USE FOR BATHTUBS.

Chicago Doctor Claims Washing the Body Encourages Disease.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—“When people leave off bathing there will be little or nothing for the doctors to do. Pneumonia, colds, and a hundred other ills result from the foolish habit of washing the body. To bathe is to be dirty, for you thereby make a sewer of one skin. Blood, attracted by the skin, gives up products that should be left to seek a natural outlet, and soils the skin.”

The foregoing declarations, made by Prof. John Dill Robertson at the annual meeting of the Chicago Eclectic and Surgical Society, at the Auditorium, has aroused the interest of members.

Prof. Robertson asserted that the theory that the closing of pores of the skin would result in death is false. The habit of taking “dry” baths was also denounced. The rubbing of a rough towel over the skin, according to Dr. Robertson, removed the natural scales of the skin, or the “false skin.” This, he said, conduced to the growth of bacteria on the skin.

The doctor cited the case of an Eskimo brought from Greenland to Boston, who had never been ill in his life. He was given a bath, contracted pneumonia, and died in two days.

STAGE OFFERS REJECTED.

Mrs. Soffel, Who Helped Outlaws to Freedom, Will Live Quietly.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Katherine Soffel, wife of the warden of the Allegheny County jail at the time of the escape of the notorious Biddle brothers from that institution, was liberated from the Western Penitentiary to-day, having served twenty months for the part she played in that sensational affair.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Soffel released the two bandits and then accompanied them in their flight from Pittsburg. During her incarceration in the penitentiary her husband was granted a divorce. It is said Mrs. Soffel has rejected two offers to go on the stage, and that she proposes to retire to her father's home and live quietly.

Evidence Against Suspects.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 10.—Capt. Taylor, of the Montgomery police department, reached the city to-day and says he is satisfied that Albert Driscoll and J. E. Russell, alleged safe-blowers, arrested here yesterday, are the parties who blew two safes in Montgomery Tuesday night and secured several hundred dollars. Capt. Case, of this city, has received telegrams from Chief O'Neal, of Chicago, and chief of police at Savannah, Ga., and Bessemer, Ala., asking for descriptions of Driscoll and Russell. It is believed the men are wanted in a number of States.

Farmer Kills a Desperado.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 10.—James Harbelt, a noted desperado of the Territory, was killed at Sebonoy yesterday by a farmer named Donahue. Harbelt bore a bad reputation, having killed Giles Flipping in the Indian Territory some years ago, and also being reputed to have been a member of the gang that robbed the Texas express of \$75,000, killing a deputy at the same time.

Mine Superintendent Killed.

Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—A second explosion occurred in the Euclid mines at Port Royal to-day, killing Supt. A. W. Sweeney and fatally injuring the pit boss and two others.