

## **Dr. Samuel Crumbine to hotel proprietors**

This letter from Dr. S. J. Crumbine, Secretary of the State Board of Health, informs hotel proprietors that the Board has ruled that the use of the common drinking cup in hotels was prohibited as of April 1, 1911.

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### State of Kansas

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

March 14, 1911.

To Hotel Proprietors:

At a regular meeting of the State Board of Health, held March 1, 1911, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"BE IT RULED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH:

That the use of the common drinking cup in hotels is prohibited from and after April 1, 1911.

No person or corporation shall furnish or keep in place in any hotel, any drinking cup for common public use, and no person or corporation in charge or control of any hotel shall permit in such hotel, the use of a common drinking cup.

The term "hotel" as used herein shall be construed to mean every such structure or place as is described in Section 1, Chapter 148 of the Laws of 1909 of the State of Kansas.

The term "common drinking cup" as used herein is defined to be any vessel used for conveying water to the mouth and available for common use by the public or guests of any hotel."

This action was taken by the Board after definite information was submitted to the Board of a case of Syphilis being recently contracted through the medium of a hotel glass in common use at the ice-water tank: the rule has the indorsement of the General Grievance Committee and Grand Officers of the U. C. T. of Kansas.

The hope is expressed that the order be put into effect not later than the date above given.

Very truly,

JC

S. J. Crumbine, M. D.  
Secretary.