

## SCIENCE FINDS SERUM TO WAR ON RHEUMATISM

Has Yet to Be Perfected for Safety; Disease Found Infectious.

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WASHINGTON, May 4.—Good, old-fashioned, "rheumatizit," that quite respectable disease that was more prevalent and more talked about in the turn of the century era, has taken on dignity in recent years, but rheumatic fever, as it now is known, is still a most baffling and pressing problem of medicine.

Physicians gathered here for the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons were presented with some of the latest developments in the fight against rheumatism.

A serum developed by Dr. J. C. Smal of Philadelphia has given promising results in the treatment of this disease, some 270 cases have been subjected to treatment by this curative agent within the last year and some have recovered, while many have improved.

A type of streptococcus isolated by Dr. Small from cases of rheumatic fever was used in developing the serum, which in its present state of development must be used with great care.

Further laboratory work is in progress in the hope of improving the serum and eliminating danger.

Although rheumatism is not epidemic, most physicians are convinced of its infectious nature, Dr. M. J. Rosenau of Boston said.

In some localities there are houses that have a reputation for causing the disease, and Dr. Rosenau gave as the scientific basis for their existence the idea that the prevalence of the disease is due to human carriers.

Children of twelve years are most in danger of contracting rheumatism. It is not a disease of old age as popularly supposed, since only one in seven cases is over 40. There seems to have been a downward trend in the prevalence of the disease during the past twenty years.

### Week-End at Clifty Falls

A week-end trip to Clifty Falls State Park at Madison, Ind., is suggested this week by the touring department of the Hoosier Motor Club. The best route:

South on Meridian St. to Madison Ave, bear left on Madison Ave and follow U. S. Rd. 31 through Greenwood, Franklin, Edinburg to Columbus; from Columbus follow State Rd. 7 through North Vernon to Madison. Clifty Falls State Park is located northwest of Madison.

Distance is ninety-five miles.

The road is paved to about five miles beyond Columbus; gravel to Wirt; pavement to Madison.

## Everybody's Poor When Assessment Time Comes

Pianos Can't Be Hidden, but Jewels Often Are, Officials Lament.

Boasting about the prosperity of Indianapolis, the individual wealth of the average family can not be proved by the records of County Assessor J. W. Elder.

There are few phonographs in the county, almost no radios, and the value of jewelry, even in wealthy northside homes is negligible—as far as the records for the spring assessment in Elder's office show.

Talks and strolls down the avenue, parades in big open cars along the

boulevard may indicate affluence, but when these same citizens return their personal property lists for taxation purposes, it would seem the wolf is at the door, the mortgage on the old farm almost due and starving babes gnawing at bread crumbs.

Elder and Center Township Assessor Frank Brattain are busy investigating these "suspicious" looking returns and raising them accordingly.

The deputy assessor makes a personal call, leaves the list which may be mailed in or called for.

Then the council of war starts, enumerating the personal property, beating down the prices. Automobiles bought at fancy prices go down

for just what the owner's conscience will allow, usually a few hundred dollars.

Pianos are rather visible to the deputy, and these usually get listed. But such things as saxophones and ukuleles, which might escape the roving eye of an inquisitive official, rarely get on the list, and when they do, it is for a nominal amount.

Jewelry is difficult to find. Even the wealthiest list jewelry valued at anywhere from \$10 to \$100, and assessors almost know there are a few sparklers stuck away that weren't included.

WINS SUIT OVER WAGER

MILWAUKEE, May 4.—If every card game ended this way, they'd all be played for fun. Fred Ulbert Okawach Lake, Wls., was playing for keeps, and the boys took \$350 away from him. So Fred went to court to get it back and obtained a judgment for the full amount.

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## 16 STOLEN CHICKENS KNEW MASTER'S VOICE

Gets Hens From Police by Talking Dutch.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, May 4.—Ypk Deveris learned that there were sixteen chickens in the South Chicago

Police Station, which had been recovered from a couple of boys. Since he had been mysteriously deprived of that many he called around to claim them.

"How do you know they are yours?" asked the sergeant. "That's easy, if they're mine they'll talk to me," came the reply from Ypk. He was led to the cell and admitted. A few words in Dutch and sixteen

hens started a riotous flapping of wings and cackling in response.

"They're yours, take 'em away," piped the Sergeant above the roar.

**BARS, BUT NO DRINKS**

Drunk's Request in Police Station Brings Fine.

CLEVELAND, May 4.—James McKane appeared before Judge David

Moylan—the charge was "intoxication." "How drunk was he?" asked the judge. "When brought into the station, he placed a quarter on the counter and demanded another drink," came the reply from the arresting officer. "Five dollars and costs."

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