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DISEASE AND DEATH IN INDI-
ANA IN OCTOBER.

The Monthly Report of the State Board of Health, just compiled from the statistics and reports of health officers in all parts of the state says: Typhoid fever was reported as the most prevalent disease. Scarlet fever has prevailed in mild form in many parts of the state, but no serious specimens have been reported. There were 18 deaths from the disease. The following order of prevalence existed: Typhoid fever, tonsilitis, bronchitis, rheumatism, diphtheria and croup, scarlet fever, intermittent-fever, pneumonia, diarrhoea, influenza, plueritis, measles, inflammation of the bowels, dysentery, whoopingcough, chickenpox, cholera morbus, erysipelas, typho-malaria fever, smallpox, cholera infantum, cerebro spinal meningitis, puerperal fever.

The total number of deaths was 2,831, rate 12.2 as against 2,674, rate 11.5 in October last year. 357, or 13.3 per cent of the total deaths were among infants under 1 year of age, and 835, or 30.7 per cent were deaths among people 65 and over.

Consumption caused 307 deaths, typhoid 155, diphtheria 80, scarlet fever 18, whoopingcough 13, pneumonia 165, diarrhoeal disease 132, cerebro spinal meningitis 10, influenza 5, puerperal fever 7, cancer 143, and violence 190. Pneumonia prevailed in every county in the state. There were 165 deaths. Marion county had 24 deaths from this disease, Lake county had 12 and Elkhart 5. Pneumonia prevailed to greater degree in the central counties of the state than in the northern or southern counties. Consumption wrought its usual havoc, 307 deaths in all, 153 males, 154 females. 197 or 64 per cent of the consumption deaths were of people in the age period of 15-50.

The city death rate was 15.3 and the country death rate 10.2. The death rates of certain cities were: Indianapolis 13.4; Evansville 16.6; Ft. Wayne 13.4; Terre Haute 20.9; South Bend 20; Anderson 15.7; Columbus 16.5; East Chicago 34.3; Elkhart 22.1; Hammond 18.2; Lafayette 24.5.

FRESH AIR SCHOOLS.

What do you think of school children sitting at desks, studying and reciting lessons, out of doors, in winter? "Cruel, harsh, inhuman," you say. Are you sure? Don't be so fast. They have such schools in Germany, in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and other states; and the children, who in the beginning were sick and weak, get strong, healthy, well and happy. It is the fresh cold air and good plain food supplied to the weaklings that makes them well, strong and happy. The "Outdoor School" at Providence, Rhode Island, is a room, two sides of which have been removed, making a pavilion. There is sunshine and air on all sides. The puny children who have been picked out of the schools, arrive at 8:30 a. m. They are immediately taken to a warm, well-ventilated room, adjoining the pavilion, where they are examined as to their comfort. Their feet must be dry and warm, their hands and faces, necks and ears clean, their clothing dry and warm. A bath is given them if necessary. They usually have had something to eat at their homes, but now a cup of hot soup and bread, or hot cereal with milk and fruit, generally stewed apples or peaches, is given them. After this, the weather being cold, they put on a heavy woolen overcoat reaching to the floor, arctic overshoes, woolen gloves and woolen cap, and out into the outdoor pavilion they go and sit at seats and desks as in the ordinary school room. Now the reciting of lessons and studying begins and the general school routine goes on. Sometimes the canvas curtains at the open sides are lowered all or part of the way to keep out storm or wind, but up they go unless the blustering weather makes it absolutely necessary to keep them down. Sometimes soapstone warmers or hot bricks are used to keep feet warm.

It is simply astonishing what this outdoor school does for health, happiness and book progress of the children. Puny, catarrhal, consumptive, white-lipped, lack-luster eyed children, soon begin to grow rosy, fat and strong. Colds are heard of no more, catarrh improves or gets well, the shine of health and the smile of happiness appears on the once wan sad faces, and they advance more rapidly in their studies.

This is a great lesson in how to get well and keep well. Of all the

medicines in this world—cleanliness of body, plain, well cooked food and plenty of fresh air, beat them all. So long as we force children into poorly ventilated bedrooms and into poorly ventilated, stove-warmed, poorly lighted schoolrooms, just so long sickness among children and the trade in short coffins will be on the boom.

J. N. HURTY,
State Health Commissioner.

"DAD, HERE'S TO YOU."

We happened in a home the other night, says an exchange, and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red, "What is Home Without a Mother." Across the room was another brief, "God Bless Our Home."

Now, what's the matter with "God Bless Our Dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots, while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly handout for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman, and the baker, and his little pile is badly worn before he has been home an hour. If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs to find the burglar and kill him.

Mother darns the socks, but dad bought the socks in the first place, and the needles and yarn afterward. Mother does up the fruit—Dad bought it all, and the jars and sugar costs like the mischief. Dad buys the chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself, and draws the neck from the ruins after every one else is served.

"What is Home Without a Mother?" Yes, that is right, but what is home without a father? Ten chances to one it is a boarding house—father is under a slab and the landlady is a widow. Dad, here's to you; you've got your faults—you may have lots of 'em—but you're all right and we'll miss you when you're gone.

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THE NIGHT BEFORE
THANKSGIVING

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I COULD dream tonight

That a world of light

Is round about me; a presence bright

Is poised above,

Like a brooding dove,

From whose

wings rain

over me

peace and

love.



I COULD DREAM.

Like a breath
of balm
Is the nameless
calm,
And my soul
would sing
an eternal
psalm
In a happiness
That is limitless
And a glow of faith I cannot express.

I could almost dream,
Past the things that seem,
I can see a country eternal gleam
As I rapidly stand
On the borderland
And feel about me an angel band.

My soul awake
Its thirst would slake
At a fountain immortal; its bread would
break
At a feast sublime
In a fairer clime
This hallowed and happy Thanksgiving
time.

So wafted over
To a shining shore,



ABOUT ME AN ANGEL BAND.

I greet the loved ones who've gone before
And take my seat
At a banquet sweet
Where the fruits and viands of life we eat.

'Tis not afar,
Like a distant star,
The kingdom in which the eternals are.
'Tis here—it's light
To an inward sight
Is gleaming—for heaven is mine to-night.

AN EXTRA THANKSGIVING.

A very notable proclamation independent of the regular autumnal Thanksgiving day, though in the official records it is designated not as a proclamation, but as "the president's address to the people for Thanksgiving and prayer," was McKinley's proclamation of July 6, 1898. The president addressed his words "To the People of the United States of America." He referred to the fact that "to the yet fresh remembrance of the unprecedented success which attended the operations of the United States fleet in the bay of Manila on the 1st day of May last are added the tidings of the no less glorious achievements of the naval and military arms of our beloved country at Santiago de Cuba" and asked the people upon next assembling for divine worship "to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has watched over our cause and brought nearer the success of the right and the attainment of just and honorable peace."

To the Cranberry.
Let others praise in fervent lays
The plum; Thanksgiving bird,
And let them sing of leg and wing,
With old Pegasus spurred.

But his speed is great indeed
And all is blithe and merry,
But let me sing that splendid thing,
The succulent cranberry.

O humble fruit, we've long been mute
Upon thy many charms!
With nipping zest you do your best
To ward dyspepsia's harms.

Both sour and sweet you sause the meat.
Your flavor does not vary.

Retiring, coy, full of joy—
O marvelous cranberry!

About you hangs a taste that tangs
The food that would be harsh.
Your plump skin's filled with dew, dimmed
Till the tilled.

Above the sun kissed marsh.
No grape, I'll say, of old Tokay
Or from Oporto alay
Drips with a wine as rich as thine,
O excellent cranberry!

Or ruby hue, a jewel, too,
To grace the festal board.
With lavish heart you give your part—
Give all your spicy board.

When eager lips we've sat and sipped
The juice that vies with sherry.

Ah, of the feast you're not the least,
Mellifluous cranberry!

So let them praise in lifting lays
The turkey and the pie.
But let me sing that splendid thing
That makes the heart beat high.

I would not waste one shade of taste.

I'd drain the dictionary.
To find more ways to sing the praise
Of thee, O rare cranberry!

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Jasper County Farmers' Institute Association, together with the Ladies' Auxiliary, will hold its annual session in the east court room of the court house at Rensselaer, on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 15 and 16.

Branch meetings will be held as follows:

At Remington, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18;

Wheatfield, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 14;

Parr, Saturday, Dec. 11;

Demotte, Tuesday, Dec. 7;

Fair Oaks, Tuesday, Dec. 28.

We expect all progressive farmers to attend these meetings and to bring their neighbor along, and let us compare notes, that we may practice only best methods in our work.

JOHN E. ALTER, Chm.

EVERETT HALSTEAD, Sec.

BOX SUPPER.

There will be a box supper at the Gant school house in Union tp., on Saturday evening, Nov. 27, the proceeds to be used to secure reading circle books and other articles for the school. A "fish pond" will be a feature. All cordially invited. Ladies please bring boxes.

CARRIE SHERRY, Teacher.

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