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STAYING AT HOME

Although everyone is aware of the danger of disease transmission in these days and practically every man and woman, not to say child, can tell you the main points of the germ theory, from time to time there occur instances so phenomenal that they bring their lesson home with little or no need of comment.

A recent social gathering was productive of more than thirty cases of tonsilitis and more serious maladies. The physicians say that the cause must have been the presence of some person who had the disease in a particularly virulent form. This seems almost unbelievable inasmuch as any one with the disease in so advanced a stage should logically have been too sick to have been there.

The explanation that some one was there who should have been at home is no doubt the true one. The lesson needs to be brought home well at the risk of being didactic that a very serious duty of modern citizenship is in staying at home when one is sick. Last spring the town was troubled with smallpox because the disease was so light that people could not see the justice of quarantine. No amount of legislation on this subject will stop the spread of germs—public sentiment and education can do far more. The rule of not only staying at home when afflicted with disease that is contagious and of excluding visitors is the best—though probably the least pleasant—way of being sick. There should be a recognition of the fact that there is a matter involved of justice to fellow beings. No one would willingly inflict sickness on his neighbor—but he is apt to disregard the danger of the germ—when he is sick.

GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES

On August 9, the United States will open the Spokane, Flathead, Coeur d'Alene land lotteries. There has been some trouble over this, as registration is required in each of the reservations—thus giving each person three chances at the game, provided they do enough traveling to register in each place.

Obviously a man can register in all three places and not get anything. The principle of the lottery was adopted to give all the people a fair show. But it will be seen someone has to get left.

It is an open question whether after all it might not be just as well for the government to allow all the entries to be made by mail or else to auction them off.

The method now employed by which the land agents from all the seven seas make entries for those people who have not money enough to travel has opened up for the agents a very profitable source of income without any assurance save their own word that they will play fair. The agents can do this for any one in these United States as we understand it and charge about twenty dollars per head. It practically has the same effect as allowing registration by mail, with the drawback that the agents themselves reap the benefit.

If an auction system could be promulgated to avoid the aggrandizement of speculators it would be a better system for all concerned. As far as that is concerned the present method has thrown vast tracts of territory into the hands of those who represent large financial interests.

NERVOUS DISEASES AND RELIGION

Dr. J. K. Mitchell, an authority on nervous diseases has recently published some of his experiences with persons of nervous temperament. In speaking of the Emmanuel Movement and other mental healing cults he says that although they undoubtedly do

some good they are fraught with danger. As to combining psychotherapy with ordinary religious experience in the treatment of nervous diseases he remarks that the age of unbelief has not left enough faith in the pastor to make it effective.

He remarks that he has never had to treat a professing Roman Catholic nor an Orthodox Jew for nervous diseases. He also remarks that the Quakers who stick closely to their tenets are also free as a class from nervous trouble. As these religions are almost absolutely opposed it opens up a very pretty turn of thought for scientific research and amateur speculation.

Items Gathered in From Far and Near

From the New York Times.—The smile and the handshake, according to one of the customs officers, are no longer efficacious on the ocean steamship piers. The activity of the custom house is alarming to people who habitually bring over dutiable goods when they return from travel in Europe. Already in mid-July, when according to the cable dispatches American tourists are still crowding all the European capitals, folks who have been caught in the act of smuggling jewelry and wearing apparel are as conspicuous in the news of the day that the prospective happenings on the piers when the tide of homeward travel sets in are looked forward to with uncommon interest. However, anybody caught smuggling is in the position of one caught bluffing at poker. He has nobody to blame but himself. The laws are clear, and that laws should be obeyed, and can only be broken at the risk of punishment, everybody who buys clothing and trinkets in foreign shops knows perfectly well.

More Open Air.

From the Philadelphia Press.—No summer has probably seen more men, women and children in the open air than this season. The tuberculosis agitation has taught the world the value and use of fresh air. Camping in tents is more frequent. Seaside and riverside are dotted with them. Porches and roofs are being floored and provided with light awnings for sleeping places. The best planned bungalows have roof gardens, with and without awnings, used by day and by night instead of a room. This is a great national change. It suits our climate. For four months—May to October—rainy days and nights are few, and it is possible to live and to sleep in the open air. It is the secret of health. It was one of the practices that brought Edward Everett Hale his green old age, that he habitually worked, as far as possible in the open air.

Woman.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.—It is because women as a rule are so good, so lovable, so indispensable that men love occasionally to have their little flings at the sex in spite of the fact that women haven't a highly developed sense of humor, or at least of the masculine variety. Women take this sort of joking with philosophy, knowing they can stand it. Not all the gibes of men, their sarcasm, or even their scorn, can dislodge them from their true place at the foundation of society.

Playgrounds.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph.—The public playground work in this city is based upon the teachings of one who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me," and whose ministry on earth was an everyday illustration of His interest in the welfare of those of whom He declared: "Even as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me." It is a great work and the harvest of good will be large.

Government Will be Overturned.

From the Dayton News.—It's all right to forbid the mailing of postal cards with ground mica upon them, but if ever this government cuts out the cards with pictures upon them there is going to be trouble.

TWINKLES

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Insinuating Slander.
"I heard some of your constituents say you never betrayed a trust."

"It is doubtless another of those insinuating slanders," replied Senator Sorghum. "I never had any confidential relations with a trust in all my life."

The Same Old Advice.

"Tis easy to attain a place." "Mongst those who are accounted wise;

You need but tell the populace that people should economize.

Confidence.

"It does not require great wealth to enjoy the real comforts of life," said the ready-made philosopher.

"No," answered the perspiring citizen; "I understand that Eskimos who

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never saw ten cents of real money live in houses made of ice."

A Candid Retrospect.

"Why are you in this prison, my friends?" asked the philanthropist. "It was the result of my own folly." "In what way were you foolish?" "I didn't employ the right kind of a lawyer for my case."

ANECDOTES OF REVER

The Famous French Composer Was Blunt of Speech.

HE HAD A CAUSTIC TONGUE.

His Biting Wit Was Lavishly Bestowed Upon Those Who Annoyed or Displeased Him—As an Officerholder He Was the Limit of Indifference.

Ernest Reyer, the famous French composer, had a biting wit and a caustic tongue. Fortune frowned on him at the beginning of his musical career, and his first opera, "Erostrate," was played only twice. This did not worry Reyer much, although, as he said to the manager, "I had hoped to see it played three times at least." "Erostrate" was rather meanly staged. In the first act the temple of Ephesus was supposed to fall and did not. "I suppose," said Reyer, "that they thought that if the play dropped hard enough the audience would excuse the temple."

At that time the manager of the opera was a man named Halanzier, who was no musician and whom Reyer disliked. Halanzier had a way of patronizing the composer which made him furious, and he took his revenge one evening in Brussels, "Sigurd," after having had some success in Paris, was played at the Theatre de la Monnaie in Brussels and achieved a triumph. After the first performance Reyer gave a supper, to which he invited Halanzier, who was delighted when the composer, after a speech in his honor, lifted his glass and said, "And now I wish to drink to Halanzier." Halanzier bowed and smiled, and Reyer, without moving a muscle, went on calmly and imperturbably—"to Halanzier, the one manager to whom I owe nothing."

Reyer was playing one of his compositions at a friend's house when a little girl—he hated children—commenced to cry and would not be comforted. "For pity's sake," cried Reyer furiously, "put that child on a chair and sit on her face, one of you!" The crying child became some fifteen years later Mme. Rose Caron, the singer who helped Reyer to the plaudite of fame.

It was Ernest Reyer who was the original perpetrator of the joke with reference to twins which has been ascribed to so many people. A friend of his had just become the father of two boys and had them brought in to the composer. "Charming," said Ernest Reyer nervously—"charming children," patting their cheeks gingerly with his gloved hand. "Delightful children really. Which one are you going to keep?"

When he was appointed librarian to the Paris Opera he took his duties very easily and as a matter of fact scarcely ever went to the opera house. He was fond of telling the story of his first visit to his office. He went to it one evening at dusk six years after he had been appointed. He lost his way and wandered about up and down narrow passages and dark corridors until he ran up against a doorkeeper whom he had passed two or three times already. The man, distrusting the stranger, stopped him and said, "Who are you, and where are you going?" Reyer looked him up and down. "I am the librarian," he said haughtily, "and I am looking for the library!"

One day a young musician called on him with a warm letter of introduction from a mutual friend. Reyer received him and, wining, asked him to play the two pieces which his friend had recommended. After the first one had been performed the pianist turned expectantly to the composer. "What do you think of that?" he asked. "I prefer the other one," said Reyer, and the young man left without playing it. When he was on the stairs the old composer leaned over the banisters and called to him. "Your future is assured, young man," he said. "You have nearly learned when to stop. But if you had let me of the first piece too!" And, chuckling, he went into his flat again.

Once a young lady sang him the grand air from "Sigurd" and sang it rather badly. "I was so frightened, cher malice!" she said. "Not nearly as frightened as I was!" was the old man's answer.

On another occasion a lady said to him: "Oh, M. Reyer, when I hear the air of 'Doves' in 'Salammbo' I can positively see you writing it! I can see you in your beautiful home in Provence, between the mountain and the sea, drawing inspiration from the sunshine of the south and"—Reyer interrupted her. "There is something the matter with your eyesight, madame," he growled. "When I composed that air I was sitting on the top of an omnibus, smoking a pipe, and it was raining in torrents!"

One more example. A lady who lodged opposite him in the Rue de la Tour d'Auvergne was an ex-pupil of the conservatory, and this, it seemed to her, was the chance of a lifetime. The master could not help hearing her sing, and if he heard her he would be captivated and her future would be assured. So she opened her window and daily sang numbers from his "Salammbo." In due course a messenger knocked at her door. "M. Reyer has heard you," he began, and the singer believed that all her dreams were coming true. "M. Reyer has heard you," the messenger continued, "and he sends his compliments and would esteem it a favor if you would close your windows when you are practicing."

You had better watch in the market place than slumber in the temple—Maeterlinck.

People will stick to their old belief in metallic poisoning of food in cooking, but poison from tin, verdigris, copper and lead is rare.

STATE HOSPITAL

WILL STAND IDLE

After Completion Tuberculosis Institution Cannot Be Used.

WILL WASTE NINE MONTHS

THERE IS NO FUND ON HAND FOR ITS MAINTENANCE AND MUST WAIT FOR SESSION OF NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Indianapolis, July 24.—The tuberculosis hospital commission of Indiana was bitterly disappointed yesterday afternoon when Governor Marshall informed the members that the appropriation act of the last general assembly does not provide for the opening and maintaining of the hospital after it has been completed.

This means that the hospital which is now being constructed at Rockville, Ind., and which will be completed next April, cannot be occupied until the state legislature meets and appropriates money for its maintenance.

The commission held a long conference with the governor yesterday. The chief executive decided that it was the business of the commission to spend money for those things set forth in the appropriation act. The last session of the legislature, which provided funds for the building of the hospital, neglected to provide money for opening the institution and paying expenses.

No Way to Remedy It.

"There is no way to get around this proposition, gentlemen," said the governor. "The act is very plain and we could not expend money in starting the institution without violating the law."

Dr. Henry Moore, chairman of the commission and supervisor of the hospital now building, said, last night, "This is a sad blow to me, for I believed that as soon as we finished the institution we could open it for the convalescent victims of the state. This means life or death to many who had hoped to go there next spring and be cured. Under the law the hospital will have to remain closed for something like nine months. It seems to me that this was a bad oversight on the part of the legislature."

Dr. Moore thinks that the legislature in failing to fix a fund for running the hospital believed that the institution would not be completed before the next session of the general assembly. Dr. Moore estimates that it would require something like \$10,000 to keep the hospital in operation from the time it is completed until funds appropriated by the next legislature would be available. Governor Marshall assured the committee no steps could be taken toward raising money for maintaining the hospital until the legislature meets. In the meantime the commission will go ahead with the work of building the institution.

Contract Is Awarded.

The commission yesterday awarded the contract for plumbing and heating at the hospital to the firm of Woolen & Calon of Indianapolis, whose bid was \$20,386. This bid was \$800 lower than any other bid submitted. The lowest bid for putting in a sewage system came from Cory & Kinney of Rockville, who will do the work for \$3,000. The commission decided to hold out this contract until a visit can be made to the hospital site.

The commission will visit the hospital with Cory & Kinney and talk over some details.

FURTHER ARRESTS PREDICTION MADE

More Developments in the Blackmail Case.

Further arrests are predicted in the New Castle blackmail case in which Ralph Duncan and Miss Jeannette Dinger of Cambridge City are held as suspects. The New Castle authorities are very reserved and do not give out much information for publication.

They have not divulged the name of the signer of the Dinger girl's bond. The Henry county prosecutor claims that he will push the case for everything there is in it.

Chicago citizen who has evidently been scared frequently by the loud "honk" of automobile horns as he scurries across streets has written to the Tribune to suggest that automobiles be made to carry sleigh bells, the same as horses are required to wear in sleighing time. This he thinks, "would give continual warning to pedestrians."

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Death is a friend of ours, and he is not ready to entertain him is not at home—Bacon.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by surgical remedies.

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EATON COURT AND

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Items of Interest to Preble Countians.

Eaton, Ohio, July 24.—Probate court items:

The sale of the personal property in the estate of Sarah J. McWhinney, deceased, was confirmed by the court.

Elvira Kelly, administratrix of the estate of Rebecca Monomith, deceased, has filed a petition asking authority to sell real estate.

In the matter of the estate of Daniel Wehrley, deceased, public sale bill account filed.</