

no attention to the birth rate, would come to grief, and, like many of the ancient countries, pass away. People with bad heredity should not be permitted to raise children. It was a very good thing to care for the insane, but a still better thing to give them to understand that they must not become parents.

He took strong ground that tuberculosis was a hereditary disease in the true sense. It is quite true that the bacillus is not in the child at its birth, but the conditions of soil may be there, or may be acquired. This phase must be kept in mind in our dealings with the disease.

Some diseases were good from the race point of view, as they killed the weaklings. Of this class of disease pneumonia takes a first place.

Appendicitis could be prevented to a great extent by not having the intestinal canal a miserable cesspool. It was this neglect that made the colon bacillus virulent.

Ill fares the state to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.

THE UNITED STATES PURE FOOD AND DRUG LAW.

It appears that this act of 1906 does not protect the people against fraud, and that the remark of Daniel O'Connell, that one can drive a coach and six through most of such acts, proves true in this case.

Some time ago a man was arrested for selling a cancer cure which was worthless. He had it labeled as guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drugs Acts. The district court quashed the indictment, on the ground that the act only calls for the statement of the contents, and covers misstatements in this regard only. Misstatements regarding the curative properties of the "cure" did not come within the meaning of the act. The Supreme Court has upheld this decision.

Under this decision a person may put on the market a mixture of salt and water and call it a cure of consumption, and escape punishment under the Pure Food and Drug Act, so long as he says it contains salt and water.

This renders the act quite worthless, and many of the leading newspapers in the Republic are demanding a revision of the act so as to make it cover misstatements regarding the curative properties as well as the composition of the proprietary remedies on the market. President W. H. Taft has sent to Congress a special message, advising that the act be amended so as to cover this sort of fraud. Congressman Sherley, of Kentucky, has introduced a bill into Congress that bids fair to become law