

namely, that the survival of the fittest is not necessarily the survival of the best, the most efficient, or even the strongest; it is simply the survival of those best fitted to survive in that particular environment, and not necessarily well fitted for any other environment.

"Those who are fittest for a white man's environment are less fit for that of a Chinese, and vice versa. The fitness of the low-caste Chinese is fitness to endure existence on the lowest terms. On the evidence so far presented we may dismiss the case against hygiene as an agency in the deterioration of the race with the Scotch verdict—not proven."

### Typhoid and Western Canada.

Years ago, according to the *Vancouver World*, settlers in the Canadian west were obliged to drink water from the sloughs. They did not know very much about bacteriology in those days, but they took the precaution to strain out the larger animals by passing the water through a towel.

The towel has been discarded in most western centres; they pursue the typhoid fever microbe with chlorine and filters and other modern appliances. But the invisible enemies of the human race are tenacious of life, and too often succeed in evading the primitive measures of the local board of health. As long as the open well is tolerated in towns or cities typhoid fever will slay its thousands.

The most recent example of this glaring truth is Saskatoon. In spite of its poetic name, Saskatoon is not immune. There are hundreds of wells in that thriving metropolis and the citizens are so infatuated with the idea that nothing can be unclean in their bright, new town that they go on drinking from the cisterns in their backyards. The consequence of this optimism is that an epidemic of fever has filled the hospitals to overflowing.

There is nothing to be so much commended as the buoyant spirit of the people of our west. But there is nothing so pathetic as to see men in the full tide of prosperity and in the prime of life cut off by an epidemic which surely might be avoided. The old oaken bucket, so modern science has proved, is nothing but a nest for microbes, and the well in any urban locality is a menace. The best thing that

the municipal authorities of Saskatoon could do would be to fill up every well in town and find a pure water supply near at home.

### The Business Value of Parks.

A business man went to visit Memphis not long ago, to see what advantages that city offered as a place to establish a branch of his factory, writes Henry Oyen in the *World's Work*. The first thing he said to the two Memphis citizens who met him on the train was:

"Now let us hop into a machine and go out and see how you are fixed for parks and boulevards and public buildings."

"Please explain," he was asked. "Do you mean to say that you are such a lover of the beautiful that you wouldn't locate your branch in a city that has not its fair proportion of parks, or an artistic city hall, and that sort of thing?"

"Lover of the beautiful, nothing!" was the prompt reply. "I make furniture. I must have plenty of good steady help to do it. No city is a good city for the man who must have good, steady help unless it has kept step with other cities and provided places for the help's sane and healthful recreation. That's just business. There is, also, a new day in the making of public buildings; and if a city hasn't kept step there, either, and hasn't started a movement for fine, artistic civic buildings it is a sign that something is wrong with the community. It isn't on its job."

### The Club Woman Joke.

The club woman joke, remarks the *Chicago Journal*, seems to have gone out of circulation. It is not easy to be humorous at the expense of an institution that is doing big work in an effective way.

Take, for instance, the "campaigns of education" that are being promoted by the public health department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Here are some of the subjects that form the basis of this year's crusade: "Tuberculosis; Ventilation and Fresh Air," "Mouth Hygiene," "Clean Food; How and Where to Get It," "School Hygiene," "Prevention of Blindness," "Infant Mortality," and "Food Sanitation."

What masculine crusade of recent years is as important to the welfare of the coun-