THE LOCKJAW GERM.

IT IS A FORMIDABLE BEAST AND IS INSEPARABLE FROM DIRT.

Odd Ways In Which Tetanus May Enter the Human System-Any Mere Scratch May Admit It-Distressing Symptoms of the Disease.

The lockjaw bacillus is a formidable beast. It is inseparable from dirt. Down on Long Island, where the tetanus bacilli most do congregate, the microbe ought to be used as a bugaboo for scaring dirty youngsters into reformation. Dirty hands, lurking bacillus, a scratch or cut, and the mischief is done.

The unenlightened public persists in as sociating all lockjaw with rusty nails and quite refuses to accept the bacillus that was formally introduced in 1885. As a matter of fact, the nail's only function is the making of a wound through which the poison can enter the system, and an oyster shell or a toy pistol can serve the purpose of the bacillus quite as well as

Why this bacillus should be especially prevalent in certain localities scientists do not explain, but the fact remains. The Shrewsbury river is a happy hunting ground for the beast, and a clam shell taken out of the mud down there may inflict a scratch that will mean death. All Long Island mud is full of the bacillus, and the fact that Long Island children live to grow up would speak volumes for their cleanliness were it not that exposure to sunlight kills the bacillus immediately, and so the sun fights for the

A wound upon the face or head, if ef-fected by the bacillus, will be more danthan a wound upon the foot or gerous than a wound upon the root or hand. The poisoning develops more rapidly and is more violent in form. A large majority of lockjaw cases originate in the feet or hands of the sufferers because those parts of the body are most exposed. In warm climates the disease is more common than in colder localities, not be cause the germ revels in heat, but be-cause the feet are less heavily shod in warm countries and so are more liable to

for the same reason, in the south, mor negroes than Caucasians have lockjaw. The negro makes a practice of going barefoot, and his feet are frequently scratched or cut. In one recent mild case of tetanus poison, caused by stepping up on a nail, a New York doctor analyze leather scrapings taken from the shoe around the point of incision and found them full of tetanus bacilli which had been rubbed from the nail in its passage through the thick leather. Had the patient's foot here have the same have the same and th tient's foot been bare the germs would have entered the wound.

Another New York doctor tells of sev eral cases of lockjaw which he has treat ed while at his summer home and which have been caused by the introduction of the tetanus bacillus through wounds made

by the horns of catfish. "I have known of tetanus poisoning from cuts made by fish fins and from lobster claws and from oyster or clam shells," said the doctor to a reporter, "and I'd advise any one to suck a wound like that vigorously the instant it is made. The poison isn't ordinarily on the fish or the shell, but it is on the dirty hands, and a fisherman is pretty likely to have dirty hands and to get occasional scratches in handling fish."

The mosquito carries the tetanus bacillus along with other germs, and in locali-ties where the bacillus is plentiful cases of lockjaw for which no cause could at first be found have been traced to mos-

quito bites. In violent cases of lockjaw the poison toxin may develop and produce alarming symptoms within a few hours after the entrance of the bacillus into the blood, but in most cases the development is slow at the outset. The trouble shows first in a soreness and stiffness of the uide neck musces, and gradually slight

spasms of the muscles appear. These spasms increase in violence and extend to the muscles at the back of the neck, and then to the entire spine and trunk. The abdominal and chest muscles become rigid, and the spine is ordinarily curved. The face takes on grimaces, with the forehead furrowed, the angles of the mouth drawn back into a grin and the jaw firmly set, and this facial expression, in connection with the hoarse noise made by the sufferer, renders a case of violent tetanus poisoning one of the most frightful sights in the range of medical experience. Chronic convul-sions sweep over the body, at intervals more and more frequent, as the case beomes more violent, the slightest noise or far or even a current of air being enough to bring on one of these spasms. It is only during these convulsions that the patient suffers pain.

Mild cases may last several weeks, but in acute cases death occurs in from one to seven days, and the mortality is very high. It is estimated that about 90 per cent of the cases end fatally, and among infants there is no recovery. The mortality from lockjaw is, however, decreasing, as a knowledge of the nature of the disease becomes more widespread and phy-

sicians learn how to treat it. Analysis has shown that tetanin poison is much like strychnine poison in its effects, though much stronger, and various experiments have been made to find an antitoxin that will neutralize the poison.

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with tetanin antitoxin is undoubtedly valuable in many cases and should always be tried, if that is possible.

Thorough cauterization of the wound is necessary, and, if done promptly, will ordinarily prevent danger, but the difficulty is that the wound is often too slight to occasion any notice or alarm until after the toxin has developed and the harm

er the toxin has developed and the harm is done.

When the disease is once fully developed, the physician has a difficult proposition on his hands. The patient is relaxed by the use of chloroform and hypodermic morphine and bromide injections are given. Hot applications are sometimes beneficial. The patient is kept in a dark room and absolutely quiet, the alightest excitement being enough to bring on convulsions. If there is no tooth missing in the patient's closed jaw, it is not unusual to extract one, so that a stomach tube may be passed through the opening and nourishment given in that way. Artificial respiration is often necessary. A case developing before the sixth day has chances of recovery, but if the trouble does not appear until after the twelfth day there is comparatively little hope for the patient.—New York Sun.

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"Take the two buttons above the coattails, for instance. They occupy pre-cisely the same relation to the garment that the vermiform appendix does to a man-in other words, we know they must have performed some valuable function in the remote past, but at present they are

not only useless, but are actually as nuisance. Their location brings them into constant contact with the backs of chairs, and unless they are closely watched they soon become ragged and shiny and make the whole coat look disreputable. Like the appendix, they are a source of anxiety, with no corresponding "The early office of these mysterion

buttons is quite generally believed to have been a support for a sword belt, and I have often seen the statement in print, but it is a great mistake. If you will look in any costume album for the court coat of the Louis XV period, you will find the skirts folded back diagonal ly and buttoned to the rear of the waist. Take hold of the lower front corners of your fashionable frock coat and draw them back and up so they touch the buttons behind and you will have a fair imiyou will notice in some of the plates tha only one coattail, the left, is folded back, but for the sake of symmetry and, I dare say, to display the handsome silk or satin linings both sides were eventually

treated alike. "The folded and buttoned coattail survived in military costumes clear down to the Revolutionary war, and you will see it in pictures of some of Washington's officers. In civilian dress the heavy flap of cloth soon evoluted itself away, but the buttons lingered and are likely

to stay with us.

"The origin of the two buttons on the cuff is a little less clear, but I think I struck the right solution one day when I found an old engraving of a dandy of 1740 making his toilet. He was in the act of buttoning a wide, detached cuff to the sleeve of his dress coat. The cuff country of the sleeve of his dress coat. The cuff country of the sleeve of his dress coat. to stay with us. was richly embroidered, and when the garment was not in use it was probably laid away by itself. That, unless I am much in error, was the birth of the but-

A BRITON'S IDEA OF FREEDOM. It Was to Roll Himself on the White

House Lawn, and He Did It. "I never go to Washington that I do not think of a young Englishman who went around the city with me a dozen years ago," said a man who frequently visits the capital. "We saw everything visits the capital. hat there was to be seen. He was pleas-French Village.
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"He never tired talking of this and comparing the simplicity of the arrange ments in Washington with the way the rulers of Europe are guarded. Particularly he was impressed by the fact that any one who wished to was allowed to go into the White House grounds and wanfer around without showing any passes

fer around without snowing any passes or credentials of any kind.

"Well, one day we were wandering around, and we went up past the White House. The Englishman stopped and watched the stream of men and women going late the grounds. going into the grounds.

"'By Jove,' he said, 'it is wonderful and no mistake. Why, they let you do just as you please. Do you know, I think that if a fellow wanted to he could go in there and roll over on the lawn, and there wouldn't be a person who would think of speaking to him about it.' 'Of course no one would speak to him about it,' I said. 'What's more, if you want to do it I'll stay here and watch you, and if any one does say anything about it I'll help you lick him.

"Will you? he said. "I mean it,' I said.

"He looked at me for a minute, and then he walked into the White House grounds. There was a crowd there, but no one paid the least attention to him. He went out on the lawn, right in front of the main entrance to the building, and lay down flat on his back. Then he rolled over three times, slowly and deliberately. Then he got up and walked out of the grounds as happy as though he had found

"No one looked at him, and no one spoke to him. To roll over on the White House lawn might have been the proper thing to do so far as the attention that it attracted went. The Englishman said that if he had acted that way in any of the capitals on the other side he would have been locked up as a dangerous character. He was year proud of his exhibit. acter. He was very proud of his exploit, and I suppose that he is still telling the story of it in England."

"We can disagree," writes a modern maker of epigrams, "without being disagreeable." The point is well taken, and the epigram is one which very many of us would do well to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest. To disagree politely, yet firmly—how few of us there be that find the way to do that? Women particularly seem to feel that if they fail to think as their companion thinks about any subject under discussion they must say so in as vigorous and combative a fashion as possible. Pleasant Disagreements.

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