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HALVES DEATH RATE CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS

Campaign Carried on in France For Years Brings Results

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—In writing of the progress that is being made in France in the crusade against tuberculosis, and which has been marked in recent years by a notable lowering of the death rate, the Paris correspondent of The Journal of the American Medical Association says that the French Minister of Public Health recently opened a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients which is of an entirely new type in France. It is located in the high plateau region of Puy-de-France, near Salers, in Haute-Savoie, just opposite the Mont Blanc chain, at an altitude of 1,250 meters.

Passengers for the sanatorium are carried in cars suspended from an electric cable traversing the valley. The sanatorium is intended for persons in moderate circumstances. Most institutions hitherto have been either free, for the poor, or expensive, for the rich. The new institution consists of a collection of chalets containing from six to eight rooms, with private porches for air treatment. The chalets are grouped about the buildings devoted to the medical and the administrative services. There is a pavilion reserved for patients who need special care. All of the ninety-two beds became occupied almost immediately after the sanatorium was opened. It was planned that the life of the individual patient should be organized according to their particular tastes, as it was thought that that would present more

BEAUTY AND THE GALLEY BOSS



Do you wonder that Harry Gates, chief cook on the Presidential yacht "Mayflower," smiles as he contributes to the annual Red Cross drive? Pining the button on him is charming Miss Betty Kendall, Washington, D. C., society girl.

favorable psychic conditions than the atmosphere of large crowded sanitariums.

"At present there are in France only 68 sanitariums for patients with pulmonary tuberculosis, with a total of 6,848 beds, of which around 3,000 are in private institutions. There are 22 marine sanitariums for cases of surgical tuberculosis, with 12,241 beds; 111 preventorium with 9,400 beds; services reserved for the tuberculosis in the general hospitals of 49 departments, with 2,288 beds; 8 heliotherapeutic establishments, with 226 beds,

and 6 schools for re-education after treatment, with 35 beds.

"There are 530 anti-tuberculosis dispensaries distributed throughout the departments, but 10 departments are without a dispensary. The number of beds in sanitariums should correspond to the average annual number of deaths from tuberculosis. There are in Paris 13,000 deaths, which, according to the adopted basis of calculation, corresponds to 65,000 tuberculosis patients. Instead of 18,000 beds, the Department of the Seine has only 4,414.

"Before the war the anti-tuberculosis crusade had been based on the program outlined in 1904 by Albert Robin and by Calmette, under the form which has since been adopted everywhere, namely: first the dispensary to establish the diagnosis and to discover the tuberculosis; second, the visiting nurses who supervised the sanitation of the home or lodging and the institution of prophylactic arrangements to protect the family; and finally, the sanitariums adopted to the various cases. But, owing to lack of funds, all of the afore-mentioned institutions are making slow progress.

"In 1917, during the war, the arrival in France of the Rockefeller Mission transformed the whole situation. It chose as demonstration fields the Nineteenth Arrondissement of Paris and the Department of Eure-et-Loir; namely, an urban and a rural type. The latter comprised four central dispensaries, located at Chartres, Dreux, Nogent-le-Rotrou and Chateaudun; 20 cantonal dispensaries, and a rural ambulant detecting service, provided with automobiles; three medical specialists and fifteen women public health workers. According to Dr. Bruno, the Rockefeller Mission expended, during the first year of its activities, more than 23,000,000 francs, in addition to the 15,000,000 distributed by the American Red Cross, from 1917 to 1919.

MISSION HELPED

"The Rockefeller Mission had given an impulse to the work, and on withdrawing from France it relinquished to the Comité National de Défense Contre la Tuberculose the duty of carrying on. In 1920, 86,000,000 francs was expended by France. In 1921, French organizations expended more than 63,000,000 francs, of which the department of the Seine alone furnished 16,601,462 francs.

"In 1918 there were only 70 dispensaries in France. In 1924 the number had increased to 290, of which 439 send a report to the Comité National (68 bis, Rue Notre-Dame-des-Champs, Paris).

"The number of persons examined in 1918 in all dispensaries taken together was 9,212, of whom 8,064 were recognized as tuberculosis; the total number of visits made by the visiting nurses was 556,000. In 1921 there were 3,005 beds occupied by tuberculosis patients; in 1924 there were 18,021. A marked lowering of tuberculosis mortality has been the result. In 1890 the mortality ranged from 460 to 500 per 100,000 inhabitants, according to the region; in 1924 the rate was 280 to 280.

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WELSFORD L. O. B. A. GET RID OF THAT CONSTIPATION

Meeting Largely Attended—Decides to Sew For Orphans' Home

At a meeting of Welsford Lodge, No. 682, L. O. B. A., Mrs. May Speight presided as worthy mistress. Mrs. Elsie N. Dupless, Past Provincial Grand Mistress, presided at the election of officers. Mrs. Bertha Burton, Miss Zeida Willis and Charles Soule acted as scrutineers. Mrs. Catherine Hamilton acted as director of ceremonies.

The following officers were elected: W. M., Mrs. Elizabeth Woods; D. M., Mrs. Catherine Hamilton; chaplain, Mrs. Pearl Burton; recording secretary, Miss Martha Wilson; financial secretary, Mrs. Frances Howe; treasurer, Miss Albert Johnston; lecturer, Miss Mary McCracken; director of ceremonies, Miss Zeida Willis; foreman of committee, Mrs. Edith McCracken; other members of committee, Mrs. Frances Howe, Mrs. Edith McCracken, Mrs. Lillian Cochran, Mrs. May Speight, Mrs. Edith MacDonald; auditors, Mrs. Theresa M. Willis and Charles Soule; guardian, Mrs. Soule; pianist, Mrs. Edith MacDonald.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Dupless and the others who assisted with the election.

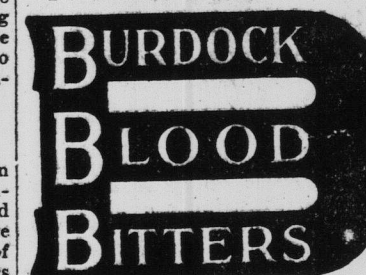
Plans were made to have a Christmas tree at the next meeting and also to do some sewing for the orphans at the newly formed sewing circle. At the close of the meeting daily refreshments were served by Mrs. May Speight and Mrs. Bertha Burton. The Hamilton and Miss Zeida Willis will serve.

JEAN—"Mummy, was baby sent down from heaven?"
Mother—"Yes, dear."
Jean—"They like to have it quiet up there, don't they?"

visiting nurses has also been increased. In 1923, 292 pupils, of whom 180 were the recipients of scholarships, were pursuing courses in the eight existing schools, and by the end of 1923, 448 visiting nurses with professional training were serving in 408 dispensaries. At present there are ten schools for nurses—two in Paris, two in Bordeaux and one each in Lyons, Strasbourg, Little, Nancy, Marseilles and Nantes."

Was Nearly Crazy With Boils All Over His Body

Mr. S. I. Burke, Barronfield, N.S., writes:—"For some time I was nearly crazy with boils all over my body. I tried everything I could think of to get rid of them, but to no avail, for as soon as one was healed up another would appear to take its place. I was advised to take



and after I had used two bottles the boils had all disappeared and I have not been troubled with them since."

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GIVES STRENGTH TO REBUILD HEALTH • NO DRUGS

Child Has Pets of Live Snakes

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Doris Palmer is only six years old, a bonny girl, with dark laughing eyes. She plays with snakes, crocodiles, monkeys, lemurs, tortoises and small bears, as the ordinary girl would caress the cat or her dolls.

Doris is the daughter of a naturalist, and was cradled among wild animals. She was accustomed as a child of three to stroke snakes and shake her tiny fist in the face of grinning monkeys. One of her first pets was a little monkey named Percy, whom she used to dress and wheel about in her doll's perambulator. A guinea pig, or wild cat, was her next companion. "Doris thinks nothing of taking a snake up to bed with her," said her father recently. "Of course I am careful only to let her have non-poisonous ones, such as pythons. She has been bitten several times by monkeys, and once by a young bear, but no harm comes of the bites of such animals so long as one keeps one's blood in good order and takes immediate steps to dress the wound. Doris is decidedly proud of her scars. When bitten she is not frightened, and at once chastises the animal to teach it not to bite again."

TO ATTEND FUNERAL

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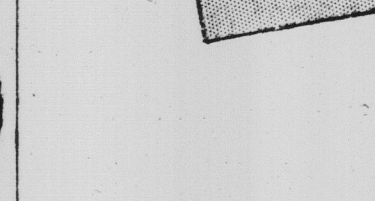
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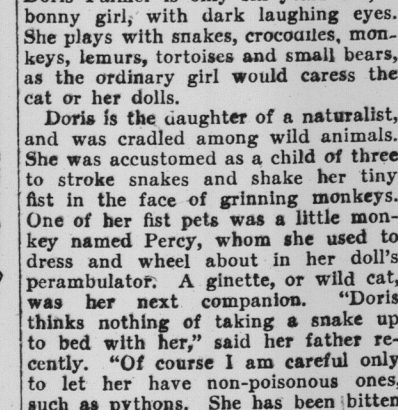
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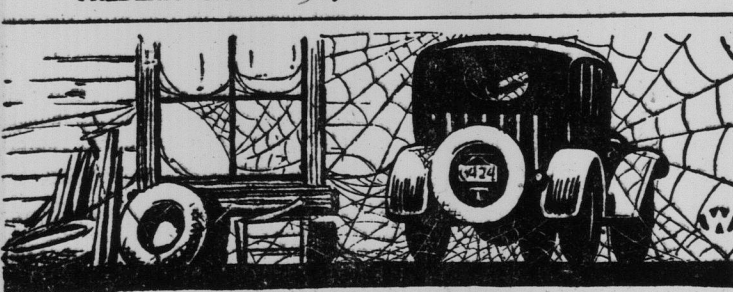
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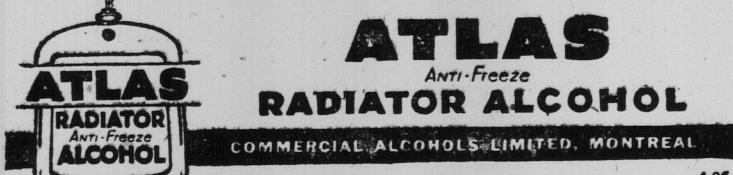
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