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kville, March 11 .- All the towns in Leeds County bordering on the Lawrence have united in a protest

Thousand Islands area. It is claim that since the United States has abland licensed netting on that side the river the same should apply to Canadian side, and furthermore the close season for fish should be same as that adopted by the Uni States. OF NET LICENSES

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## MODERN PUBLIC HEALTH

BY H. W. HILL, M.B., M.D., D.P.H. Director, Institute of Public Health of Western University, London, Ontario, Canada.

A Column Devoted to Public Health In All Phases Questions Addressed as Above Will Be Welcomed.

Many times have I been asked if all school children should not have a glass of milk during the morn-

This depends entirely on the 'weight for height" of the child. "Over weights" should not have milk in school hours; "under weights" should; in the case of "normal weights" it does not matter, so far as the child is concerned.

WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT." At the risk of repeating what everyone knows already, the age of a child in years (chronological age) does not always, or even often, correspond exactly with the age of the child in physical developments. open the physiological age); or with the child's mental age either. So there are at least three "ages" to be considered in answering the familiar question "how old are

Of course, in ordinary life, anyone who asks that question expects the answer "five, going on six" or 'eight las' birfday" or "oh, around fifteen" according to the youngster he asks. But really, the youngster who was entirely up to date would answer "I am six years old, measured by the passage of time since was born; five years old as measured by the development of my mentality" (although if you really received such an answer you would probably put the child down as 147 instead of only 7 mentally!)

If every child developed physi-

cally and mentally at exactly the same rate, we should never have to ask the question: "How old are be quite clear at a glance. But children vary so much, due to heredity, to nourishment and to obscure causes dependent on the dethe brain and another one in the neck that guesses as to age based on development are likely to be quite far off; vice versa, if you know the age of a child, you still are far away from being able to give his exact mental or physical

STANDARDS FOR WEIGHT. "How much should a boy of five weigh?" That is a common questo it is "First tell me, how tall is the boy?" What he should weigh at five years old depends upon his height, not his age, primarily. By weighing and measuring enormous numbers of children tables have been compiled which show jus what these "weights for heights"

all ages can be had—we carry them at the institute. The schools also are securing these tables: and in a short time it will be considered just as necessary to place on the school report to parents the weight of the scholar (together with what he ought to weigh) as it is now put on the percentage he secured in arithmetic and geography, together with what percentage he ought to

have had.
HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CARDS. These cards tell some very interesting things; for instance a 5year-old boy may be anywhere from 39 inches to 46 inches tall (that is three feet three inches to three feet ten inches) and his respondence with his height, from pounds for the 46-inch boy. Girls run pretty close to the boys at this age, in weight for height, averaging only about one pound less at each height. But while a 39-inch boy at five weighs 34 pounds at six he should weigh 35 pounds.

and at seven, 36 pounds. At ten years old a boy may be 47 to 60 inches tall; that is from almost four feet to five feet; and height for a 10-year-old boy from 54 pounds for the short ones to 91 for the five-footers.

Girls at ten years old are likely to be a pound lighter height for height: although the tallest girls more than the tallest boys at this

GIRLS AND BOYS AT FIF-

TEEN. . The boys at fifteen may vary in height from 57 inches to 76, that is from under five feet to a good deal over six feet. The weights of the boys, corresponding to height, at fifteen run from 86 pounds to 174 pounds the shorter girls weigh about the same as the shorter boys. height for height; the taller girls weigh decidedly less than the taller boys at this age, however. Thus a boy of fifteen, 65 inches tall, should weigh 123 pounds and a girl of fifteen, 63 inches tall, should weigh 122 pounds; but a boy of fifteen, 70 inches tall should weigh 144 pounds, while a girl of the same age and height ought to weigh only 136 pounds. We recognize this in our ordinary descriptions of

### **APPENDICITIS**

people-"short and fat"-"tall and

RATE OF GAIN. This is all explained by the rate gain which boys and girls should

age both boys and girls should gain about six ounces per month or about 4½ pounds a year. So also from eight to eleven both boys and girls should gain about eight ounces a month or about six pounds a year. But from twelve to sixteen, boys should gain sixteen ounces a month or twelve pounds a year, while the girls' schedule is quite different—from eleven to fourteen, twelve ounces a month or nine pounds a year, from four-teen to sixteen back to eight ounces a month or only six pounds a year, at an age when the boy sho gain twelve pounds a year. From gain twelve pounds a year, From sixteen to eighteen both boys and girls slow down in gain, boys to six pounds a year, girls to three. YOU CAN'T "FEED" HEIGHT, BUT YOU CAN "FEED"

WEIGHT.
The height of a child cannot be controlled by feeding, except down-wards. Let us see if this point can be made clear in this way. Suppose you start out with two child-ren one of which by heredity, nationality, etc., ought to be tall (say a Swede) and one that by the same tokens should be short (say a Jap). You may stunt both of them by under-nourishment, so that neither reach the height they might have reached, although the height the Jap might have reached would under the best circumstances of course be much less than that of the Swede. On the other hand by liberal feeding you would allow both to reach their full height limit. This would be greater for the Swede than for the Jap. But in neither case can you increase that limit by feeding. Suppose now you underfed the Swede and overfed the Jap. You

would stunt the former, but you wouldn't get the other to grow any more than his normal height. If you overfed the Swede and stunted the Jap by underfeeding, the Swede would be as tall as would be normal for him, the Jap would be shorter than normal for him Within limits, however, you can affect weight by feeding, especially in children, pushing it up or pulling it down quite readily—much ore readily than you can in the case of adults. WHICH IS BEST, OVERWEIGHT

OR UNDERWEIGHT? This is a hard question to answer for children; but if the over-weight is not too great, it is probable that overweight is better underweight. At all events, defects are not found so commonly in overare not found so commonly in over-weight children—one to three for an average in overweights as against five to twelve in under-weights. Surely overweight is bet-ter, then? Well, perhaps—but it must be remembered that the over-weight may be a result of the leck weight may be a result of the lack of defects, rather than the cause of it; and that the underweight also may be the result of the defects rather than the cause of them. In other words the child without defects perhaps tends to become average of the control of the defects of the child without defects perhaps tends to become average. fects perhaps tends to become over-weight, the child with defects per-

What sort of defects produce loss of weight? Apparently, defective breathing apparatus—any form of obstruction to breathing, in the nose or throat especiallyour old friends adenoids and en-larged tonsils for example.

of course there are other things also—over-exercise, and loss of sleep, as well as improper food or not enough food. Most people dealing with an under-nourished child will think of the course of the will think of lack of food as the chief matter. But ability to breathe freely, proper exercise, and proper rest are quite as important in their WHAT TO DO WITH AN UNDER-

NOURISHED CHILD. First of all, weigh and measure and so find out how much undernourished the child is. Then have the child carefully examined medically for any disease (possibly tuberculosis for instance) that may be the real cause of the trouble; or any defect, such as enlarged tonsils or adenoids, etc. Of course if any of these are found, appropriate medical or surgical treatment should follow. But if there be no disease or defect to account for the under-nourishment, diet, sleep and exercise must be corrected, and then the advice of the hygienist is

The diet perhaps is off in some The diet perhaps is off in some minor respect; candy between meals prevents the child eating the proper growth-foods (eggs, meat, milk, fish, etc.) at meals. The child may not be sleeping enough (nine to eleven hours at school ages) or is working at school or at play, mentally or physically, beyond the amount of food they get will warrant. Most children, under-nourished to the extent of ten per cent should have very careful per cent should have very careful attention paid to these points. Usually three months real reform

shot at by a slinking murderer crouched

in a doorway.

It was Owney Madden's famous stamping ground, held in fear by might of speaking revolvers and flashing knives. The Gophers sometimes contested this clannishness, and gang wars resulted that made famous reading, and until the next morning. He found out the next there was nothing the matnany casualties, but back in 1914 Owney then that there was nothing the mat himself fell into police hands and was ter with him, but that was too late. sent away by a judge in general ses- They had their lodging and that was sent away by a judge in general sessions for a fourteen-year bit. "Hell's all they wanted.

Kitchen," which two years before had begun to experience the throes of a reform movement backed by John D. Rockefeller, who put up a \$250,000 set-goes. tlement house, turned over a new leaf from that moment.

The district, roughly, extended west of Ninth avenue to the river between Thirtieth and Forty-second streets, the neighboring gang to the south being the still famous Hudson Dusters. "Tanner" Smith was the last gunman of "Hell's Kitchen" to gain newspaper notoriety, and he was murdered by his themselves so ill that they may get a best friend more than a year ago—over

shantles at night to shoo children from the part of locomotives. There was a time when the children did not play at night in that district, and when they became accustomed to listening for the sickening crack that meant another killing was on. Then would come the police reserves, rushing heavily, firing volley upon volley and breaking down doors. But the new generation is not a Huck Finn clan and has never smelled the smoke of gun battle.

"Battle Row," which was the term applied to Thirty-ninth street at Eleventh avenue, has been unmarked by bullets for a dozen years. The "Forty in the part of the purpose of the purpose is on the left side and left handed people always rub the port is on the left side and left handed people always rub the rook and left handed people always rub the rook and left handed people always rub the right side.

"Another trick is even more miserable. The "flopper" takes a big dose of cream of tartar or ipecac. He becomes very sick and nauseated. It is hard punishment, but if he gets a week's loaf in the hospital he feels himself repaid.

"Many of the true form of "floppers" are still plying their trade. The true form of "floppers" are still plying their trade.

lets for a dozen years. The "Forty Thieves," roysterers who used to crack eads of comrades with beer bottles when no greater amusement was stir-ring, disappeared without forming an alumni association, and the end has

## 'FLOPPERS' 'FLOP' INTO EASY BERTHS

Fakers Who "Throw Fits" Are Laziest Men On

herce, gun-fighting days, and even then Hospital who has had much experien they walked in expectation of being with these laziest of men, tool an Eagle showered from above with bricks, or man of the ingenious methods used. "Several years ago," said Dr. Jone

"Despite our precautions they get by trom that moment.

The district, roughly, extended west eral pain complaint. If a man tells us

best friend more than a year ago—over week's lodging. A very common stunt a woman, it was supposed. But "Tanner" Smith's case was the only big incia few hours the man gets a skin erupdent of the more peaceful days that had tion that is disgustingly There is no telling what such an erup-Trains of freight cars moved undis tion may bring forth, so he ge's in. turbed over the Chelsea tracks, and the switchmen who used to pack revolvers "case of trouble turning up," leaned on their flag sticks and came out of their shantles at night to shoo children from handed and the eruption is on the left.

"flopper" is one that is able to easily dislocate his arm or shoulder or knee He simply throws the joint into an abnormal condition and he appears to be a fit subject for a good doctor and a hospital. Men with amputated limb apply often and complain of a festering of the nub or stiffness in the jaints or some other form of irritation. It is futile to gainsay, them. They have to be treated in a nice, soft bed."

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