

## HAPPY FACES MIDST SORROW

Visit of Legislators to "Saddest Spot on Earth."

The Leper Isle of Molokai—Ray of Light in Favorable Results from the Use of Chaulmoogra Oil Specific—The Stricken Ones.

Kalaupapa, Island of Molokai, T. H., April 19.—(A. P. By Mail).—A spirit of sympathy, almost inconceivable, and a peace that passed the bounds of human understanding, walk with tragedy throughout the isolated, cliff-guarded, surf-fringed strip of shore that has given this portion of the Hawaiian archipelago, the name of "the lonely leper isle of Molokai," so The Associated Press correspondent found when he accompanied the territorial legislature on a trip to the settlement recently.

A visitor to the colony, forewarned of the horror it holds, finds all of that horror and more that cannot be discussed. But he finds also that the heavy fog of gloom which once enveloped the tragic, narrow stretch between the sea and the towering cliffs, has been dissipated by a ray of light arising from the favorable results that have attended the use of the Dean Chaulmoogra oil specific during the last two years in checking the ravages of the oldest disease in the world. The hope that springs eternal in the human breast is ever present now at Molokai even in the most advanced cases.

The visitor finds faces smiling with a cheerfulness that has conquered affliction. He is greeted everywhere by a hearty, joyful "Aloha," the all-embracing Hawaiian term of salutation, welcome and well-wishing. The eagerness with which the inmates talk to a visitor, and look for long hours upon an unmarred, strange face "from the outside," is pathetic, as is their naive, most child-like questioning as to whether the visitor may know friends of theirs on "the outside" in Hilo, Honolulu, Wailuku, Lahaina.

Many of the patients have taken refuge in music—the great solace of the Hawaiian race. They have organized a band and several singing clubs, which vie with each other at song-fests. The performance of one of these clubs—a patients' male octette—supplied a bit of pathos that crops up frequently through the aura of peace. The patients were singing gaily a cheerful Hawaiian song of welcome to the legislators. They were succeeding admirably. Suddenly a mandolin player—youthful and apparently a newcomer to the colony—who had been gazing with longing into the unscarred faces of the

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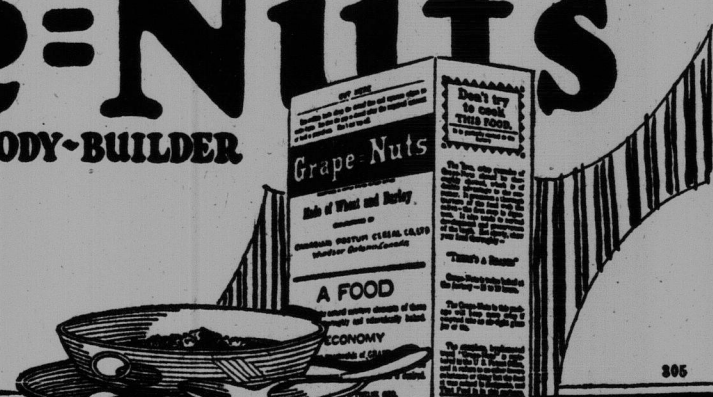
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visitors—began weeping. Despite the tears that streamed down his cheeks, he continued, with bravery as fine as ever seen on any battlefield, to sing the cheerful words of the song, did his best to stimulate joy and keep the tears out of his voice.

A man of wealth, of power and of influence throughout the territory accompanied the legislators to the island. He made directly for the hospital as soon as he landed from the vessel's small boat. When the main body of the visitors reached the hospital he was sitting beside one of the beds weeping. The bandaged form upon the bed was his son.

But all is not sorrow at the saddest spot on earth. Some distance from the hospital is a nursery. On the day of

the legislators' visit it contained ten unusually healthy looking babies ranging from two weeks to five months in age. They gurgled, smiled and laughed, and shook tiny, chubby fists at the visitors. Although one or both of their parents are afflicted with leprosy, the most searching examination possible has failed to show a trace of the disease in any one of the children, or to scores of others who have been born to patients at the settlement. The children are cared for by the territory. They are kept at the settlement until they reach the age of six months, when they are taken to Honolulu and placed in a home maintained by the Government.

The apparent contentment of the inmates of the colony and their fear of

leaving the spot that has been "home" to many of them for years unless they are paroled owing to beneficial results of injections of the chaulmoogra oil specific, shattered to bits a tentative proposal that the settlement be closed and the inmates moved to some location more easy of access. The visit of the legislature made certain that the tragedy of the lives of the lepers would continue to be enacted upon a stage of marvelous natural scenic beauty and would not be transferred.

No man who has seen what was once called "the home of the living death" is quite the same man thereafter.

To cheer the patients the legislators brought many gifts and toys, and many packages from friends and relatives "on the outside." A Hawaiian orchestra from Honolulu played and sang and danced the hula for the amusement of the inmates, who made their enjoyment patent by much applause. At an assembly the legislators delivered addresses to the afflicted, messages of hope and inspiration, and listened to complaints. Practically the only request made was by the blind inmates, who asked that they be granted a monthly allowance of \$5 each for pocket money, because they are unable to work as do patients whose general health is such that they are still allowed to work for Government wages.

The number of patients here now is 390, composed of 260 males and 130 females. Racially the groups contain: Belgian, 1; Chinese, 14; Filipinos, 12; Germans, 2; Hawaiian, 289; Japanese, 10; Portuguese, 27; Porto Rican, 3; Korean, 8. There are 35 non-leprosy employees at the colony, ten non-leprosy children of leprosy parents, and 35 other non-leprosy residents.

The colony occupies only a slight portion of the island of Molokai, on which also are situated the lands where the Hawaiian Homes Commission is attempting to establish farms in an effort to rehabilitate the Hawaiian race. Kalaupapa is on the windward or northern side of the island, on the peninsula of Makanaala, cut off from the remainder of the island by the steep cliffs on three sides, with a sea that is never smooth on the fourth side.

As the legislators' vessel, which had remained more than a mile from the shore, while the visitors landed through a precarious and treacherous surf from small boats, weighed anchor in preparation for departure, the inmates of the colony, gathered on the little dock, sang to the music of their band, "Aloha oe"—"Farewell to thee"—until the ship, gathering speed, passed out of the range of their voices.

**RARE BOOK SOLD.**  
London, April 25.—(A. P. By Mail).—A perfect copy of the rare second edition of Bacon's essays, published 325 years ago, was sold here recently for \$2,200. The volume at one time changed hands for two cents.

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## Uruguayan Rodeo Of 15,000 Cattle Is Pulse-Stirring Sight

English Writer Describes Scene as Great Herds are Gathered Together at Annual Southern Round-up.

London, April 2.—(By Mail).—"It is something to have seen 15,000 cattle in one day; something to have watched a Uruguayan rodeo (round-up) in this land of lavish pastures, where every beast gets from four to seven acres to himself, and the task of seventy peons working 30,000 acres is no easy one," writes Arthur Mills, from Uruguay, to The London Daily Mail.

"Though moon and stars are still above, the first flicker of the sun's lights shows over the horizon as the 'second' (assistant manager) and myself start.

"Passing through the peons' quarters, the 'second' young Schestnut throws a buck or two. Pedro, the old gaucho horse-tamer, wearing his enormous spurs, and a few peons lingering round a camp over their early mate, watch critically. They judge a white man much by his seat on a horse in these parts.

"On, over three miles of rolling 'camp'. Now faint at first; but growing louder, a sound reaches out ear-like distant thunder or an artillery barrage heard from a great distance; it is the call of thousands of cattle; the rodeo has begun.

"From all parts of the great estate cattle are being driven to their allotted points. To the right, to the left, ahead, silhouetted against the crimson sky, the slow moving herds troop solemnly.

"Now and again fifty or a hundred horses flash by, tails and manes flying in the breeze. A colt breaks back, but is immediately headed by a watchful peon, galloping at breakneck speed over the broken plain.

It is a grand sight to watch the slow approach of these 2,000 beasts, controlled by ten men at most on their fast, wiry horses. Lank dogs of greyhound breed assist, now and again finding diversion by coursing a hare.

"The cry of the peons, impossible to reproduce in print, but not unlike the shrill treble call of a bird, echoes round the hills. By seven o'clock this particular round-up is completed, and we move on to the next assembly point. Here we find "Don Carlos," the tall English manager, the estate, and the veterinary officers, and the inspection begins.

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By Proxy, However; It Nips Motorist's Leg and Down Goes the Accelerator

Philip Rosen, of Fallsburg, N. Y., caught a thirty-pound snapping turtle the other day, and decided to bring it into the city and present it to the

Aquarium. He captured it, boxed it, loaded it into the front of his automobile and started for the Battery. Just as Patrolman McCann put up his hand to signal Rosen to stop at the intersection of Southern Boulevard and Tiffany Avenue, the Bronx, the turtle struggled out of the box. Rosen misunderstood the traffic officer and returned his wave with a smile. At that moment the turtle clamped down upon the fleshy part of Rosen's leg and down went Rosen's surprised foot upon the accelerator.

The automobile was still picking up speed two blocks away when Patrolman McCann overtook it and placed the turtle and all, under arrest. In imposing a fine upon Rosen in the Morrisania court yesterday Magistrate Cobb said:

"It is with no little sorrow that this fine is imposed. You are to be commended for your patriotism and public-spiritedness in going to all this trouble in bringing to the Aquarium such a fine specimen of turtle. The law, however, must be upheld. Five dollars."

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