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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**AMERICA'S CUP RACES**

**S**HAMROCK IV. has started her long trip across the Atlantic, but, although there are many who sympathise with Sir Thomas Lipton and praise his dogged sportsmanship, there are very few either in Great Britain or on the American continent who think that the challenger has much chance of winning.  
 It is true that Shamrock IV. in her trial races, completely outclassed Shamrock III., but the Americans have left nothing at all to chance and have in the Resolute, the probable cup-defender, a yacht that seems to embody the very highest art of the racer-builder.  
 The attitude of the English authorities toward Shamrock IV. is shown by the feeling at Lloyds where, the other day, the opinion was expressed that the chances were 4 to 1 against the challenger bringing back the cup from the United States.  
 The opinion of American yachting circles is voiced by the expert on The Scientific American who, however, very likely also expresses his own personal belief. He thinks that, under weather conditions such as usually prevail off the American Coast at the season scheduled for the races, the U.S. boat will prove the faster.  
 Evidently this yachting authority thinks that there is an element of luck connected with the races and that "Shamrock weather" might prevail and bestow victory on the challenger.  
 Well, most of us will wish Sir Thomas all the luck in the world, the more so as odds seem decidedly against him just now.  
**ARE WE TOO "SCARY"?**  
**I**N view of the fair measure of health enjoyed by our ancestors even when the theory of germs as the causation of disease was undreamt of and precautions against germs, therefore, absolutely unknown, one is often prompted whether we have not grown faddy in this respect and whether, too, a great many of the precautions we take have really any practical value to them.  
 That some, at any rate, of these so-

called precautions are mere fads, wholly foolish and in certain instances decidedly harmful, seems to be proven by some hospital statistics recently published by a Canadian doctor.  
 The statistician, dealing with the question of pure milk, first points out that in three cases out of four, as far as adults are concerned, it is absolutely immaterial whether the milk has been put through any purifying process or not.  
 In the case of children, however, it often makes all the difference in the world.  
 When milk is pasteurised,—that is, put through a sterilising or purifying process—all the germs contained in it are killed.  
 Now it should be remembered that all germs are not necessarily injurious to the human body, in fact some of them are our allies in maintaining health.  
 In the case of milk of the germs usually present, five kinds have been proven harmful and four others beneficial to the human system.  
 All are destroyed in the process of pasteurisation.  
 Now the question arises does this promiscuous germ-destruction prove beneficial to the body or does it incline the balance of probabilities against it?  
 The figures quoted by the medical men referred to are eloquent on this point.  
 In the city of Toronto, during the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 there was a total of 1054 deaths from bowel complaints of infants, usually ascribed to impure milk—that is an average of 351 per year.  
 Then, in 1913, the pasteur system of purifying milk was adopted and in that year the infantile mortality became 557.  
 In the report of the Hospital for Sick Children in the same city the percentage of deaths of infant children was 8 in 1906; 12 in 1907 and 13 in 1908.  
 In 1911 pasteurised milk was used and that year the percentage was 13; in 1912 it was 14 and in 1913 it was over 17.  
 Whether pasteurisation is good or bad there is absolutely no guidance except experiment. This has shown it to be bad, both in Toronto and New York. It destroys four kinds of germs known to be injurious. It also destroys five kinds of germs known to be beneficial.  
 In New York in 1910 the death of 5,649 infants caused an alarmed outcry. A crusade in favor of fresh milk with its natural millions of germs reduced the record in 1913 to 3,554.  
 The medical man referred to does not deal with the economic aspect of the question. Pasteurisation increases the cost of milk, thus forcing economy and the use of wholesome food on those least able to bear the expense.  
 It also fastens a milk monopoly on the city, for it closes out the smaller dealers and producers unable to install costly machinery. In this way it is a deleterious influence, and makes the procuring of wholesome food more difficult.  
 The public if left alone would be sane in this matter. They would not turn away from the wholesome food that has sustained the race since the dawn of civilisation, because investigators with powerful microscopes have made vague discoveries regarding constituent element.  
 But the autocratic control of health officers who accept every germ theory promulgated gives the people no choice.  
 The germ theory or germ scare is in too immaterial and transient a shape to warrant a serious change in the foods of infants or the creation of monopolies in an important line of food.  
**SERIOUS PROBLEM**  
 (Harbor Grace Standard)  
**T**HE following letter dated June 25th, was received lately by the Board of Trade from Lind and Couto, of Oporto: "For some considerable time the market has been quite bare of British cure, and this has given a tremendous impulse to Norwegian, Iceland and German cures, which are now in general consumption all over the country. From a British point of view this is much to be regretted, and we fear it will be difficult to recover the lost ground in the face of the lower tariff accorded to competing cures which all pay at the rate of 21 reis per kilo on the British article."  
 What a standing disgrace to British diplomacy and likely to Newfoundland persistency! Portugal's "ancient ally," or at all events her nursing father against outside aggression, served in so shabby a way. Shade of Wellington, British fish discriminated against to the tune of 8 reis per kilo or in other terms, about 40 cents per quintal! Is it British free-trade policy towards foreign protective tariff lands that deprives her of the power to alter this unjust, ungrateful treatment, or in the lack of redress owing to Britain's and Newfoundland's want of push and pluck,

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 Hindu women who have lost their husbands are not allowed to use the front door of a house.  
 Out of the two professions in which women outnumber men, the female teachers lead by three to one, and in nursing by 10 to 1.  
 More than half the women in the United States work for pay during one period of their lives.  
 The rich women of China are giving large sums to provide education for the girls of their country.  
 Although she is past sixty years of age, Mrs. Fanny B. Workman is still an indefatigable mountain climber.  
 In Zurich, Switzerland, there are three middle-aged women who have a lucrative business of shining shoes for ravers as they emerge from the rains at that point.  
 The Austrian Women's Congress has resolved to organize an international housewives' union so as to obtain a reduction in the retail prices of food, and they will boycott certain goods throughout the world.  
 For the first time in its history the principal address at a commencement of Northwestern University, Chicago, was given by a woman, Miss Eliza May Huntoon.  
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