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There is nothing new under the Sun. Some time ago we published extracts from an article by Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler showing that the old Greek philosophers held to the theory, regarded by many as distinctly modern, that man is descended from animals of a lower type. *The National Druggist*, April, referring to this article, remarks that the germ theory of disease also had its advocates among the ancients. After quoting *The Literary Digest's* article entire, it goes on as follows:

"Concerning the anticipation of the germ theory of the causation of disease, let us consult M. Terentius Varro, the Roman Consul to whose rashness and presumption the disaster of the battle of Cannae was largely due. In a work on Country Life (*De Re Rustica*), written about 115-110 B.C., in one of the chapters devoted to the choice of a site for a villa, and the construction of the latter, he says:

"You should choose for the site of a villa the foot of a well-wooded hill, where there may be wide-spreading pasture land, and it [the villa] should front toward the most salubrious winds. A front toward the point at which the Sun rises at equinox [*i.e.*, the true east] is very convenient, since it has some shade in the Summer, and the benefit of the Sun in Winter. If, by necessity, you must build near by a river, you must be careful to place your house in such a situation that it shall not be intensely cold in Winter, and insalubrious in the Summer time. You must also pay attention as to whether there be marshy places around, and for the same reasons and moreover because when they dry up they breed certain minute animals, *invisible to the eye and which, carried by the winds [or air], penetrate the mouth and nostrils and propagate obstinate diseases.*"

"Further on we have an imaginary conversation between Fundianus, a landed proprietor, Agrius, a farmer, and Scrofa, a sort of interlocutor, frequently introduced by our author when he wishes, by a dialogue, to enforce some point, previously given in didactic style, as in the present instance. Says Fundianus:

"Suppose I should become heir to a farm of this kind, what shall I do to avoid contagion?"

"Sell it," answers Agrius, "for what you can get for it, or abandon it altogether."

"Not so," interpolates Scrofa, "you must be careful that your house shall not front the direction from which the insalubrious winds usually blow; nor be built in a hollow valley, but on an eminence, where, if unwholesome emanations come, they will be most quickly dispelled. Another advantage [offered by the eminence] is that a place on which the Sun shines all day is the most salubrious, since if any animals develop, or are brought thither they are either at once driven away by the wind, or they soon perish from dryness [of the atmosphere]."

"We have translated freely, but have been careful to preserve the exact meaning of the Latin in the more important phrases, printed in italics."

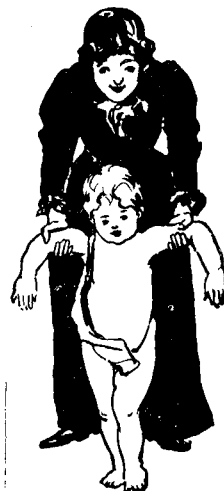
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By order of the Board.

S. C. WOOD, Managing Director.

Toronto, 17th April, 1895.