

A Modern Scourge.

MORE TO BE DREADED THAN AN OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX.

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Throughout Canada much alarm has been felt during the past few months at the outbreak of smallpox that has occurred in various localities and thousands of dollars have been expended—and rightly so—in suppressing it.

And yet year in and year out this country suffers from a plague that claims more victims annually than have been carried off by any epidemic during the past quarter of a century.

Consumption—the great white plague of the north—is more to be dreaded than any epidemic. Its victims throughout Canada are numbered by the thousands annually, and through its ravages bright young lives in every quarter are brought to an untimely end.

Why? There are two reasons, the insidious character of the disease, and the all too prevalent belief that those who inherit weak lungs are foredoomed to an early death and that the most that can be done is to give the loved ones temporary relief in the journey towards the grave.

This is a great mistake. Medical science now knows that consumption, when it has not reached an acute stage, is curable. But better still, it is preventable. Sufferers from weak lungs who will clothe themselves properly, who will keep the blood rich and red, and who will ultimately become healthy, robust people.

Among those upon whom consumption had fastened its fangs, and who have proved the disease is curable, is Mr. Ildege St. George, of St. Jerome, Que. His story as related to a reporter, of L'Avenir du Nord, will be of interest to similar sufferers.

Mr. St. George says: "Up to the age of fifteen years I had always enjoyed the best of health, but at that age I became greatly run down. I lost color, suffered constantly from head aches and pains in the sides; my appetite left me and I became very weak.

For upwards of three years—though I was having medical treatment—the trouble went on. Then I was attacked by a cough, and was told that I was in consumption. Then the doctor who was attending me ordered me to the Laurentian Mountains in the hope that the change of air would benefit me.

I remained there for some time, but did not improve, and returned home feeling that I had not much longer to live. It was then that my parents decided that I should use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I began taking them.

After using several boxes my appetite began to return, and this seemed to mark the change which brought about my recovery, for with the improved appetite came gradual but surely increasing strength. I continued the use of the pills, and daily felt the weakness that had threatened to end my life disappear.

Neva's Three Lovers

BY MRS. HARRIET LEWIS,

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"Perhaps my presence here," suggested her job's comforter. "Men desert their wives every day. Lawks! What is that? The landlady ejaculated, as a loud double knock was heard on the street door.

"Oh, Heaven!" moaned the young girl, in a wild strained voice, sinking back into a chair. "Not married—not his wife!"

"You are not his wife," declared Craven Black mercilessly. "I cannot comprehend of what fascination you lured my son into this connection with you, but no doubt he was equally to blame. He is well born and well connected. You are neither.

A marriage between you and him is something preposterous. I have no fancy for an alliance with the family of a fallow-chandler. I speak plainly, because delicacy is out of place in handling this affair. You are of one grade in life, we of another.

"I will never think of rising in the world when I married Rufus. I loved him, and he loved me. And we meant to work together, and we have been so happy. Oh, I am not married to him! Do not say that I am—and I am his wife, Mr. Black—I am his own wife!"

"And I repeat that you are not," said Mr. Black harshly. "The law will not recognize such a marriage. And if you persist in clinging to the prize you fancy you have hooked, I will have Rufus arrested on the charge of perjury and sent to prison."

Lally uttered a cry of horror. Her eyes dilated, her thin chest heaved, her black eyes burned with the fires that raged in her young soul.

"Rufus has recognized the stern necessity of the case, and full of fears for his own safety he has given you continued Lally's persecutor. He will never see you again, and desires you, if you have any regard for him and his safety, to quietly give him up, and glide back to your own proper sphere."

"I will not give him up!" cried Lally—"never! never! Not until his own lips tell me so! You are cruel, by, she sat down abruptly, with her hand upon her heart.

"His father?" she murmured. Craven Black bowed, while he regarded her and her surroundings curiously. The dingy, poverty-stricken little room, with its meagre furnishings and no luxuries, struck him as being but one removed from an almshouse.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It is a fact that the most common cause of the disease is a poor foreigner's meddling bad cook. The disease makes the more miserable. The sufferer certainly do not live to eat. The sufferer's condition is a most common cause of the disease, for it is a fact that the most common cause of the disease is a poor foreigner's meddling bad cook.

Dyspepsia

"You will not go mad," said Craven Black, with an attempt at airiness. "You are not the first woman who has tried to rise above her proper sphere and fallen back to her own level. But, Miss Rufus, I must have your promise to leave Rufus alone. You must surrender your maiden name, and let this episode be as if it had not been."

"I shall not trouble Rufus," the poor girl said, her voice quivering. "If I am not his wife, and he cannot marry me, why should I?"

"That is right and sensible. Here are fifty pounds, which may prove serviceable if you should ever marry," and Mr. Black handed her a crisp new Bank of England note.

The girl crumpled it in her hand and flung it back to him, her eyes flashing. "You have taken away my husband—my love—my good name!" she panted. "How dare you offer me money? I will not take it if I starve."

Mr. Black coolly picked up the note and restored it to his pocket. He was about to speak further when the door was burst violently open, and the landlady, flushed with excitement, came rushing in like an incarnate tornado.

"Keep a respectable house, I hope, Miss," snapped the landlady. "We heard all that's been said here, as if right I should, being a lone widow and a dependant upon the reputation of my lodging-us for a living. And being as you ain't married, though a pretending of it, I can't shelter you no longer. Out you go, without a minute's warning. There's your hat, and there's your sack. Take 'em, and start!"

Lally obeyed the words literally. She caught up her out-door apparel, and with one wild, wailing cry, dashed out of the room, down the stairs and into the street.

Mr. Black and the landlady regarded each other in mutual alarm. "You have driven her to her death, Madam," said Craven Black, excitedly. "She has gone out to destroy herself, and you have murdered her."

CHAPTER XIII. While Craven Black was successfully pursuing his machinations to destroy the happiness of two young lives, Lady Wynde had been active in carrying out her part in the infamous plot against Neva. The little packet of forged letters which had cost Lady Wynde's fellow-conspirator a night of toil, and which had been sent to Hawkehurst by a special messenger, had been safely delivered into the hands of Mrs. Artress, who had been waiting at the gate lodge to receive it.

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