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HEALTH EDUCATION

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Dr. Middleton will be glad to answer questions on Public Health matters through this column. Address him at Spadina House, Spadina Crescent, Toronto.

It is well to know some of the symptoms of infantile paralysis. Epidemics of this disease are most likely to occur during the late spring or early summer. When an outbreak does come, it is always difficult to decide which was the first case, and still more difficult to find out where the disease came from. The conclusion is arrived at by the investigator that when a definite case is first diagnosed, there must have been other cases occurring previous to it, but these cases either recovered without showing any symptoms of paralysis, or else were unrecognized as infantile paralysis and were treated as some other condition, or not seen by a physician at all. Knowing the possibility of missing these cases, it is important that all people, lay people as well as medical people, should know what symptoms raise a suspicion of infantile paralysis. One authority gives the following: "A moderate or high fever occurring suddenly without known cause, and accompanied by nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea or constipation or cold in the head or cough, is suspicious, particularly between June and September. This seems to be rather a broad statement, for practically all children under three might have one or more of these symptoms during the summer. However, one thing to remember is that in the early stage of infantile paralysis, there may be neither pain nor paralysis, and

many cases capable of spreading infection never go beyond this stage. There is one stage, however, that unquestionably justifies suspicion. It is the stage of tenderness. Particularly is there tenderness in the back and neck.

Mothers should take notice of this. If your baby objects to being held, look out for infantile paralysis. If the baby is sick, it is natural for him to want to curl up in your arms, but if he cries when you curl him up, it may be his neck and back muscles are tender. If such cases are followed up, it is generally found that the muscles presently to be paralyzed, are tender. Later on, in most cases, weakness of some muscles or parts of muscles develops. The symptoms which the doctor is expected to find are loss of muscle power, distributed in no regular fashion, loss of reflexes and retention of sensation. If the doctor is equipped to do so, he will tap the spinal column, get some of the spinal fluid, and gain valuable information from examining it. The public should keep in mind that the muscle wasting which forms the prominent feature of the ordinary mental picture of the disease does not come for weeks after the acute stage has subsided. It is therefore true that a diagnosis based on muscle wasting is rather late to do any good. Moreover, about one-quarter of the cases of infantile paralysis that do develop never show any wasting.

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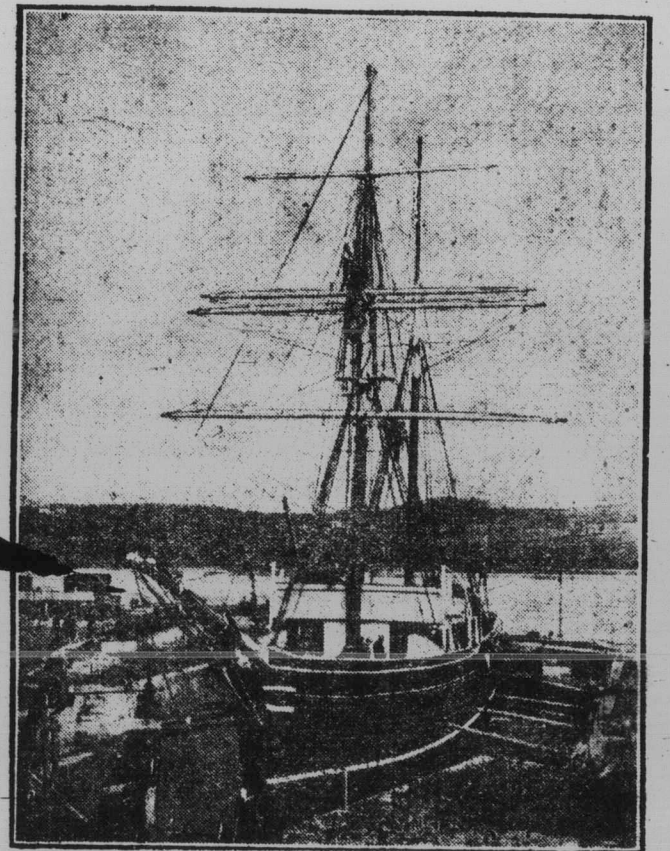
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Occupation An Aid to Health

On an occasion when Nelson had a big fleet at sea for two months at a time he records that in that period 400 deaths from sickness occurred among the 7,000 or 8,000 persons in the fleet. He attributed these remarkable results not merely to the physical surroundings of the crew but also to the constant mental stimulus which he aroused by providing the seamen with occupation and frequent amusements. These helped to keep the various faculties in continual play and avoided the monotony which most saps health through its deadening effects on the mind and spirits.—Mahan's Life of Nelson.

NEW HEALTH FOR SUFFERING WOMEN

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Experiences With Scrub Sires.

The most convincing argument in favor of the purebred sire instead of the grade and scrub are the actual reports which have been obtained from the use of both types.

The following are actual experiences of farmers on their own farms:

A farmer in Dufferin County, Ontario, had a calf dropped March 18th, 1919, which he sold on December 12th of the same year at 23 1/2 cents per pound. This baby beef brought \$169.21. This calf was out of a good grade cow which was herself sired by a purebred bull. The calf was also sired by an approved type of purebred sire. In the same stable on similar feeding and treatment at the same time was a calf also out of a fairly good grade cow but sired by a grade bull. This calf was dropped Nov. 5th, 1918, and was sold on the same day as the calf already referred to (Dec. 12, 1919). He brought 19 cents per pound or 4 1/2 cents less per pound than his stable mate by the purebred bull and he brought \$174.50. He was 4 1/2 months older, had taken more feed and care, but did not have as good quality and so was not as profitable as his better bred stable mate. These calves were exceptionally well fed, but breeding counted to the extent of 4 1/2 cents per pound enabled the feeder to market his best calf at very close to as much money in 4 1/2 months shorter time. This is a case where the feeding was right in both cases and where the purebred bull was directly responsible for the difference.

The experience of a London Township farmer, Middlesex County, with purebred and scrub bulls shows very closely the place of the scrub sire. Six years ago he had in his herd eight very even purebred cows that gave him eight bull calves from purebred sires. These were made steers and kept until two and one-half years old, finished on grass and when sold averaged \$140 each. The next year the farmer was ailing and was unable to take his cows a distance to a purebred sire. A neighbor offered him the use of his scrub sire. The progeny from mating from which five steers were kept, fed and marketed under the same conditions brought \$114 each, although there had been a slight rise in price during the year. This farmer stated that on the five steers he lost \$130, in one year, and to the average farmer using a scrub sire on ten females the loss would be \$260, from a beef standpoint alone. If the daughters of the scrub bull were kept in the herd this loss would show in their calves in lesser degree. This man claims that as soon as farmers keep an accurate profit and loss account the scrub bull will disappear.

A Peel County farmer's experience is as follows:—"Though we had been using purebred bulls for many years previous to a time about nine years ago, we yielded to temptation on a growthy looking, well-bred grade Shorthorn for which we paid 100 months old. (Why should we produce as good stock as a scrub calf costing \$75 more?) His first calves were

months old they seemed a poor lot, but the bull was kept for another season in spite of our observations. When the steers were put in to feed when rising two years, as is our custom, the folly of our selection most glaringly stared us in the face every time we went to feed them. They wouldn't respond to good feeding and attention. There was little pleasure in trying to fatten them and they went to market with few exceptions an inferior bunch. We had learned our lesson and sometimes think it was fortunate that we did keep the bull long enough to be really impressed forever by the experiences and loss of a cheap sire.

"Our next bull was of Grainford Marquis blood costing \$100 at six months. Our first crop of calves healed our wounds. Fine growthy fellows, they accounted for any feed given, were a source of pleasure to the eye and brought the best price when sent to market. Counting the difference in weight, adding the extra value per pound and making allowance for feed consumed, there was a balance of from \$20 to \$25 per steer in favor of the good bull. A worse case was that of the heifers from the scrub bull. They had to be sold for beef. Instead of being able to select good heifers we had lost two years by using the scrub. Though it cannot be counted in dollars and cents, the satisfaction in feeding and caring for good animals is really worth more than all other features combined."

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A wit of no mean order was the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, whose book, "Further Reminiscences," contains this story:

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"Look here," said his father angrily, "didn't you promise me you'd come straight home?"
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