

as it remains aerobic it is atoxic. Its toxicity and virulence are brought about by the presence of other micro-organisms which act by depriving the media of oxygen, and so rendering the tetanus bacillus anaerobic. This anaerobiosis, according to the author, is indispensable to the tetanus bacillus for the production of its specific toxins, but mere deprivation of oxygen alone is not sufficient—the presence of other micro-organisms is necessary. The comparative frequency of the tetanus bacillus in the earth contrasted with the rarity of tetanus; the beneficial effect of antiseptics (which have little effect on the tetanus bacillus spores, but considerable effect on other micro-organisms) in checking tetanus are explained by the author's view of the necessity of a particular microbic association for the full development of virulence in Nicolaier's bacillus. This peculiar microbic association fortunately occurs very exceptionally, hence the rarity of tetanus. The nature of the associated microbes seems somewhat indeterminate.—*British Medical Journal*.

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