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**SCARLET FEVER SPREAD BY MILK.**—An alarming outbreak of scarlet fever in the borough of Halifax, at the commencement of the present year, having been brought to the notice of the Sanitary Committee of that town, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Daniel Ainley, was instructed to institute an enquiry into its origin, and the result of his investigations has been embodied in a report which has been recently published. From this it would appear that after ascertaining that neither the drainage nor the water-supply could be considered responsible for the outbreak, accident revealed the fact that sickness prevailed in the family of a carrier of milk who supplied nearly all the families attacked. A visit to this man's house resulted in the discovery that four of his children were suffering from scarlet fever, and as he went straight from his house every morning to milk his cows, and afterwards distributed the milk to his master's customers, the origin of the outbreak was not far to seek.

**THE DEATH-RATE OF CHILDREN IN CITIES.**—At a meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, recently, Mr. Browning read a paper on the above subject, of which the following is an abstract:—(*Med. Times and Gazette.*) A generally high death-rate may sometimes be entirely due to an extremely high child-rate, the adult age being low, as lately exemplified by the vital statistics of the borough of Leicester. Among the poorer population of our large cities the child death-rate usually amounts to half (50 per cent.) of the total deaths at all ages, and occasionally exceeds 60 per cent. of those total deaths, while in all England the child death-rate is

only 25 per cent. of the total deaths, and is, as a rule, less than this in the healthy districts and among families comfortably well off. In nine large orphan asylums near London, whose inmates are, as a class, naturally of the feeblest constitutional type, mostly inheriting scrofulous, syphilitic, and alcoholic diatheses, the average annual mortality is but 3 per 1000, or 0.3 per cent. In proportion to the higher social position of the parents, the child death-rate is everywhere diminished, so that among 100 children of the upper and middle classes it does not average more than four casualties yearly, while it ranges from 10 to 26, 70, and even 90, in some of the poor places 920,000, working-class children, out of each 1,000,000 born, fail to reach the age of five years.

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**HIGHER DEATH-RATE IN VALLEYS.**—Dr. Gatling (in the *Medical and Surgical Journal*) says:—In supervising the census of North Georgia, I have had ample confirmation of an observation which I long since made, of the increased ratio of mortality in narrow valleys. Such valleys, especially in mountainous countries, are hotter by day and colder by night than more open areas. The nights, too, are characterized by dense fogs, which contribute to render the cold night air