

GREAT GAINS IN MEDICINE IN LATE YEARS

Celebration by Medical Society of London Unfolds Advances Made.

London, May 18.—(By mail)—The Medical Society of London, which has just celebrated the 160th year of its existence, is the oldest body of its kind in England, comments The London Times.

When it was founded in 1773, by Dr. John Cookley Lettsom, medicine had not emerged from the dark ages. In those days surgery was scarcely more than a name. The operating theatre was an object of universal dread, there were no anaesthetics—as we now understand that word—no antiseptics, no bacteriologists. The sanitation of our country was primitive in the extreme, water supplies were more often contaminated than pure, drainage scarcely existed, food was often unfit for consumption. Vaccination had not been thought of, and smallpox and other infectious fevers raged in the land practically unchecked. The doctor's chief weapons were emetics, purges and blood-letting.

The society held its first meeting in Lettsom's house in Sambrook Court, Basinghall street, but soon thereafter moved to Crane Court, Fleet street. This area was then as much frequented by doctors as is Cavendish Square today. At the same period an older society, which has long since passed out of existence, was meeting regularly at the Mitre Tavern to "collect and publish medical observations." Its last president was Dr. William Hunter.

In 1788 Dr. Lettsom presented the society with a freehold house in Bolt Court, Fleet street, where it remained for forty-two years. Fleet street was then the Harley street of a hundred years ago—a fact not without its irony. The society had a difficult time at first, for in those days the enthusiasm for medical progress which we now

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witnessing was not in evidence. Its income during the first year of existence was only £73, and this sum diminished later to £22. Even in 1813 only £28 was subscribed. Moreover, a rival body challenged its supremacy. This ill-fated association, known as the Society of Physicians, was founded in 1764 for the express purpose of bringing pressure to bear on the Royal College of Physicians. That august body was suspected of "modernist" tendencies, and had actually proposed that candidates should be admitted to the Licentiate after an examination conducted, not in Latin, but in English! This revolutionary step, it seems to have been felt by the physicians of 1764, would undermine the foundations of medical science and ad-

mit to the calling men of an "inferior type." The members of this "Old Guard" of medievalism were all themselves licentiates of the College of Physicians. They met once a fortnight at the old Slaughter Coffee House, and once a quarter they dined at the Crown and Anchor Tavern in the Strand. But modernism triumphed over medievalism, and in 1783 the society ceased to exist.

The medical society appears to have kept itself free of oppressive tendencies. But it had one rather dangerous period in its early youth, when Dr. James Sims remained its president for twenty-two years. The desire to be ruled by this excellent physician was not universal, or perhaps some younger men had grown tired of his dominance. In any case, in 1805 a secession of members occurred and the Medico-Chirurgical Society, now the Royal Society of Medicine, was formed. In 1850 the society moved to St. George's, Hanover Square, and the street era of medicine closed forever. The flood of new knowledge was at that time setting in strongly and the minds of all physicians were bent on new things. The membership of the society, which had been restricted to thirty physicians, thirty surgeons and thirty general practitioners ("apothecaries"), had been widely extended.

Red Driver Ants March On House Of Stone Walls

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London, May 20.—(By mail)—By the courtesy of the secretary of the Entomological Society, The London Daily News is able to quote the following description of the horrors of an ant raid in Tanganyika territory.

Mr. Loveridge, the writer of a letter on the subject, has a house near Kilosa, and on July 9 he discovered that he was being raided by Saifu, or red driver ants.

"These ants are raiders, they seek their prey by scent, as they are entirely blind. The soldier of the species is distinguished by its enormous square head and powerful jaws.

"At 8 a. m.," writes Mr. Loveridge, "we were being invaded by Saifu, who were entering the stonework base of the house at half a dozen different points.

"Beetles were flying before the advancing host with one or more of the red furies attached to their hind legs. Wretched crickets and small grasshoppers were being dragged off, feebly one by one, or two legs that remained to them. My pet jumping spiders cleared for their lives with prodigious leaps.

"Soldier sentries were stationed at intervals along the line of the column, waiting with the forepart of the body raised and widely open jaws for any disturbers."

Mr. Loveridge swept back the columns in heaps, cremated them with paraffin, put paper soaked with prussic acid in their holes, and believed that he had stopped the raid.

But at 9 p. m. that evening he became conscious of a strange noise. The white-washed walls of his bedroom were a moving mass of ants; the sound was made by the feet of the countless multitude.

The raid continued the next day, and at 8 p. m. a stream of ants, six or eight inches wide, was seen going straight up the verandah wall beneath the roof. In spite of his placing the legs of his bedsheets in pans of water, the ants reached him. They threw a bridge composed of living ants across the water-pans, over which the infantry columns crossed.

The invaders attacked the pet crocodiles, the tortoises, and killed a nest of young rats. "It made me shudder," says the writer, "to think of the awful death scores of small creatures were dying." He himself was driven from the house by ants swarming up his legs.

The soft-shelled land tortoises suffered badly, one having its eyelids eaten. Hot ashes, cyanide powder, meat baits, and fire were employed against the horde, but on July 7 the besieged were horrified to see ants arriving in countless thousands in every direction from east and south. Thirty steady streams were moving on the house.

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HARVARD STUDENT SHACKLED TO BED

Yens Drags Foot of it to the Police Station by Handcuffs.

Boston, June 12.—All was quiet early one morning in station 1, Brattle square, Cambridge. Lt. Patrick F. Murray sat at the desk and from time to time rubbed his eyes with the back of his hand.

Suddenly he sat bolt upright. Something was coming clanking up the steps of the station house. It progressed slowly and clank hesitantly louder than words that progress up the steps was difficult. Finally, with the loudest clank of all, the door was pushed open, and a youth backed across the floor pulling a rattling, clanking mass after him.

Lt. Murray rubbed his eyes again. His visitor was dragging the foot of a bed, shackled to his handcuffed hands, along the floor. Sinking into a chair, he told the lieutenant that his name was Otto C. Yens, that he was a Harvard student and that he lived at 178 Mt. Auburn street. He beseeched the officer to remove the bed foot as quickly as he could.

Lt. Murray tried every key in the station to the handcuffs. None fitted. An hour later some one found a hock saw and, with this the bed foot was removed. It was not until 7 o'clock that the handcuffs were taken off.

Yens said that three other Harvard men had locked him to the bed in a room in Randolph hall. Their names, he said, were John McKittrick and B. F. Manierre, both of 70 Randolph hall, and George B. Carpenter of 45 Winthrop street, Cambridge.

Undergraduates say McKittrick, Manierre and Carpenter made an engagement for last Sunday to go to the South station and say good-by to three South College girls who had been visiting in Boston. Yens heard of their plans and invited the girls to return to Northampton in his automobile. They accepted.

CONVICTED BOOTLEGGER SERVES TERM BY PROXY. Washington, June 12.—Reports that a convicted bootlegger, recently served by proxy his four weeks' term in a jail near here in Maryland have resulted in a department of justice inquiry into the local enforcement of the federal prohibition law in parts of that state.

According to the story reaching the department a substitute not only was committed to the jail, but was given unusual liberties.

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RAT ATTACKS AND BITES SLEEPING BABY. Lawrence, June 12.—A rat attacked 4-months-old Olga Corey while she lay asleep in her crib in her home at 832 Common street, recently.

Bootlegger Spies Warn of Raids. Federal Authorities at Detroit to Investigate Alleged Tips On Impending Activities. Detroit, June 12.—Charges that bootleggers receive advance information of impending raids of Federal prohibition enforcement agents were made recently by Earl J. Davis, United States District Attorney here.

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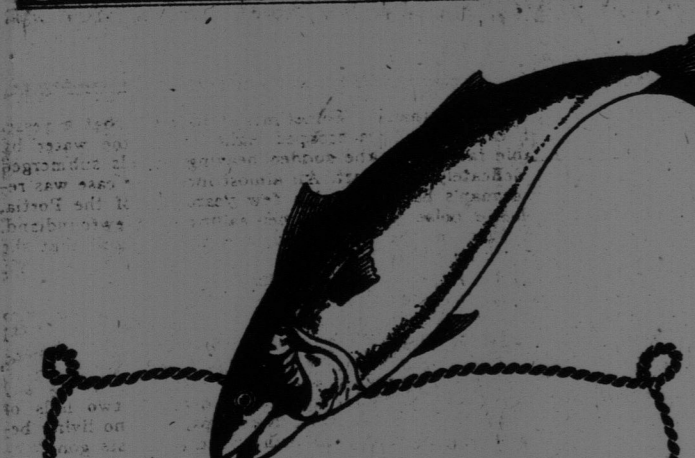
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estimate daily average of beer brought in through this channel at 800 cases, or about 19,000 bottles. The average estimates made by half a dozen runners and as many bootleggers places the total shipments of Canadian beer across the river at not more than 4,000 cases, or 5,000 on the biggest days. This would aggregate between 14,000 and 15,000 gallons.

PRIEST'S SPEECH HALTS RUN ON A PRIVATE BANK IN N. Y. Binghamton, N. Y., June 12.—Hundreds of depositors besieged the private bank of Earl B. Jenney in Endicott a few days ago, following his arrest on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

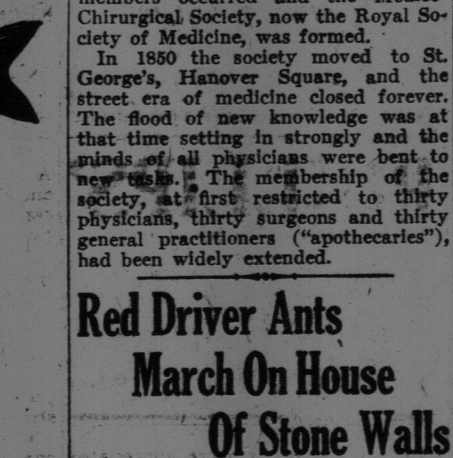
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