



Joker's Corner

SCOTCH HUMOR.

Mr. David R. Forgan, the Chicago banker, has a cry Scotch humor. Speaking of the dangers of being puffed up by sudden honors, Mr. Forgan told this story of Simpson, the great physician:

"Dr. Simpson had been absent from his class for some time, and on his return he announced that a great professional honor had been conferred upon him," said Mr. Forgan.

"I am very happy to inform you, young gentlemen, that a very great honor has come to me since last we met here," said Professor Simpson, his face beaming with honest pride. "I have just received notification that I have been appointed physician-in-ordinary to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria."

"The great discoverer of chloroform looked over his glasses as if he expected his class to be quite taken away by the great news. Instead, he was shocked to hear that Scotch boys burst into the National Anthem 'God Save the Queen.'"

"And still they say the Scotch have no sense of humor," added Mr. Forgan.

A LOFTY CHARACTER.

Several inhabitants of a certain Hampshire village were discussing a departed sister, who had been given to good deeds, but was rather too fond of dispensing sharp spoken advice. "She was an excellent woman," said the deceased lady's pastor. "She was constantly in the homes of the poor and afflicted. In fact, she was the salt of the earth." "She was more," remarked a villager. "She was the vinegar, the pepper and the mustard as well. She was a perfect crust-stand of virtues."

WHAT HE SAID.

"I understand that you called on the plaintiff. Is that so?" "Yes," replied the witness. "What did he say?" The attorney for the defence jumped to his feet and objected that the conversation could not be admitted in the evidence. A half-hour's argument followed, and the judges retired to their private room to consider the point. An hour later they filed into the court room and announced that the question might be put. "Well, what did the plaintiff say?" "He wasn't at home, sir," came the answer.

THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Two little girls were out walking when they passed the big brick building of an orphan asylum. "That, Minnie," said Rosy, anxious to impart her knowledge to her younger sister, "is where the little orphans live. Mr. and Mrs. Orphan are both dead."

IN A QUANDARY.

She—(happily) "Father says that if we marry he will stand half the expenses of furnishing the house."

He—(sadly) "Yes, but who would stand the other half?"

The Vicar—"You promised to publish that sermon I sent you on Monday, but I do not find it in the latest issue of your paper!"

Local Editor—"I sent it up. It surely went in. What was the name of it?"

The Vicar—"Feed my lambs."

Editor—(after searching through the paper)—"Ah—yes—um—here it is. The new sub. has put it under the head of Agricultural Notes as 'Hints on the Care of Lambs.'"

How Dartmouth Lost a Half Million Dollars

(Dartmouth Patriot.)

About twenty years ago the town of Dartmouth had no water supply. It had voted on the question several times but each time a vote to provide the money necessary failed to carry.

At length another meeting was held. The late John P. Mott was then a leading citizen and he was present. He was strongly in favor of Dartmouth securing a decent water system. Prior to the advent of the mains, this town it may be explained, was supplied from wells and by various parties who delivered water from door to door. Most of it came from the outlet at foot of Sullivan's pond.

The night of the meeting came, Mr. Mott, contrary to his usual practise, attended. It may be stated here that Mr. Mott had a water supply from Maynard's lake, so did Dr. Parker and G. J. Troop. Their supply came from the pipe that supplied the asylum. So far as Mr. Mott was personally concerned he had no need whatever for a town water system. But being a progressive citizen and fully realizing the inadequacy of the supply he strongly urged the vote for the general good.

The late Frederick Scarie, who was then Mayor presided. He made a rule that no one should speak more than fifteen minutes and not more than twice. Mr. Mott spoke twice, using not more than ten minutes in all, probably less. Another person present taking advantage of the rule, made statements regarding Mr. Mott, which demanded an answer. Mr. Mott asked to be allowed to reply. The request was refused. Mr. Mott insisted but the Mayor was obstinate. Mr. Mott claimed he had not used the amount of time all told he was allowed for one speech and hence held he was fairly treated. Some person or persons present at this point hissed Mr. Mott, who turned at once and instantly sat down. The vote failed to carry.

Now here is the sequel. That meeting cost the town dearly. Mr. Mott, was a very public spirited man, he was working entirely for the interest of the town. He had all the water supply he needed. He was the largest single ratepayer in the town. It would hit him heavily and he could directly get no benefit. When he was retuped a hearing and then hissed he felt deeply injured. The reader may say, "well, what of it." Here is the sequel. Mr. Mott had some time previous made a will. It left, after certain bequests were made, about a quarter of a million dollars to the town for the support of the schools.

He also left another sum equally as large, for the maintenance and beautification of the Park. Besides that he left the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid at once to the town for certain school purposes.

So angry was he at the insult put upon him that he called in his lawyer four days later and changed his will cutting off all the bequests to the town. The money was given, as is well known, to a great number of charities, the Y.M.C.A. and other institutions in the city of Halifax.

The above in brief is Dartmouth's romance or whatever you wish to call it. It lost its opportunity. Those sums of money would have done wonders for the town. The interest on the school fund would build a fifty thousand dollar school house every four or five years, while from five thousand to ten thousand dollars spent yearly on the Park would make it the finest thing of the kind in Canada.

What might have been is not what is. If those idiots had not hissed, the history of Dartmouth would have been changed.

SEEMED TO GIVE HIM A NEW STOMACH.

"I suffered intensely after eating and no medicine or treatment I tried seemed to do any good," writes H. M. Youngsters, Editor of The Sun, Lake View, Ohio. "The first few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets gave me surprising relief and the second bottle seemed to give me a new stomach and perfectly good health." For sale by all dealers.

Danger From Disease Germs in Milk and Urgent Need of Inspection

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Similarly infected, particularly those children who have suffered from diarrheal troubles where the vitality of the child was reduced owing to indigestion? How many times do we inquire into milk as a cause of enlarged peritoneum? I have had cases in my own practise that I did not report because the evidence was only circumstantial and with many links wanting, still with my present knowledge I believe they were due to bovine tuberculosis.

Let me mention one instance that came under my notice. In 1889 I attended a child, three years of age with meningitis. The surroundings were healthy, the house they occupied was nearly new, the family history undoubted. This child was a bottled baby. While in attendance I mentioned the fact to the father that it was unaccountable to me how the child became infected. The father informed me that the child had been fed on the milk of a cow which proved afterwards to be diseased. However, without veterinary examination, we could not say whether the disease was tubercular or actinomycosis. I did not pay much attention to the subject of bovine tuberculosis at that time, but I remember that the lower maxillary bone was not infected, but the retro-pharyngeal glands were enlarged and some of them broken down. Dr. W. H. Pethick tells me that, as in persons, the glands of cattle break down if the infection becomes mixed.

Soon after the death of this child, a sister, eight years old, developed enlarged cervical glands. Under treatment and being kept home from school she recovered. Four years later the eldest son, aged twenty-two, died of tuberculosis of the lungs. The other eight children of the family are still living and in good health.

THE EVIDENCE IS NOT POSITIVE.

Regarding the two last mentioned cases the evidence of how the disease was contracted is not positive, for the girl eight years old was attending school and mixing with other children, the son twenty-two years of age had left home, was in boarding houses, and also taught school, still I cannot help thinking that the infection came from the one source, and that the guilty one was the diseased cow.

With these facts before us I think that there is one end of the subject of tuberculosis that is sadly neglected. The people are now fairly aroused as to the necessity of care of sputum, cleaning houses, and proper disinfection of human tuberculous matters. They are educated along the lines of living in fresh air and taking plenty of good food, but on the other end of the subject there is very little said. If an outbreak of typhoid fever takes place in a community, we at once inquire into the source of water and milk supply. If a case of small-pox comes into our midst, the authorities are on the alert to root out the epidemic, but with this insidious, slow, creeping disease, often chronic, that may attack us so stealthily and in so many ways, we are indifferent.

I think you will agree with me that it is a matter of the first importance that we have milk thoroughly inspected. I have already stated how long a time the tubercle bacilli will live in butter and cheese. You know that butter is put on the market as soon after it is made as possible, and that is the way we like it for our use. I have shown you that cheese is put on the market long before it is three months old, so that the very condition in which butter and cheese are out on the market and prepared for our use, encourages the presence in them of this dread disease.

THE REMEDY SHOULD BE IN FEDERAL HANDS.

Now what ought to be done to remedy this? In the first place I do not think that it could be properly done by any municipality or city as the product may have been manufactured hundreds of miles away from where it is consumed, therefore, it is just as necessary for the people of Halifax to see that butter made in Prince Edward Island is pure, as it is for the residents of the island. This should be a federal matter. The government is spending money in making inquiries as to why our oyster beds are becoming depleted, they look after the prevention of infection of all nursery stock, they have experts in the maritime provinces encouraging farmers and educating them along the line of sheep raising, they banish our steel industries: all this affects our commercial interests, and in consequence, necessary and proper, but is it not equally necessary, say, of infinitely more importance, that the milk fed to our babies, the butter and cheese we eat ourselves, should receive more attention? Are not our babies

of more value than fruit, or sheep, or oysters? "Ye are of more value than many sparrows."

I believe if the question were properly presented to the government, and the people educated and instructed along these lines, that the matter would very soon be under proper organization, for the people are the government, and the latter will do what the people wish it to do. Our federal government is making praiseworthy efforts to protect the products of the farm, and the fisheries, from the pests that prey upon them. How much greater is the need of protecting human life from this insidious parasite that attacks it.

Now there is one suggestion that I might offer along this line, that is, that the government appoint competent veterinarians and bacteriologists in the respective provinces to whom specimens of milk could be sent from time to time. These would have to be in some central places. To educate the people the government might establish stations in the different provinces, just as they did when the cheese industry was first started, these continuing for three years under their supervision.

EXAMINATION BY A MUTUAL ORGANIZATION

Regarding the examination of cows with the tuberculin test, if fifteen hundred head of cattle, as in the factory I mentioned were insured by a mutual organization, the premium paid to be sufficient to pay the loss sustained by the parties having infected herds, it would make the burden less, and parties owning tuberculous cows would have less hesitation in reporting suspicious animals. I feel sure that the price obtained for the products of an article that could be certified pure would command a figure above that of the ordinary article that would easily pay the premium on insured cows. In short, purity of the butter and cheese would command for it a higher value in the markets, but all this would take time.

It is our duty as medical men to keep hammering at this subject by articles written for the public press, and lectures delivered on the dangers to which we are exposed. When it is shown in other branches of industry that pests destroy our property we at once try to remedy the loss. The health of infants and adults should receive more attention than property. It reminds me of the story of the Indian who said—"kill a moose, one hundred dollars, kill a man, too bad!"

THE NEED OF AROUSING THE PEOPLE.

I have only touched here and there on this important subject; I have said nothing that you did not already know, but I hope that I may enlist your co-operation and influence to arouse the people to more activity. The laity look to the medical profession for knowledge and guidance. We are always ready to do our part in any way we can to assist in the prevention of disease.

I have to thank Drs. Montizambert, Adams, J. G. Rutherford and W. H. Pethick for literature forwarded and suggestions given to me.

THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF TIMBER LANDS DESTROYED IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Amherst, July 20—The forest fires in Cumberland County still rage with their violence unabated. The smoke from the fire is plainly visible for about thirty miles. So far the Shulee Lumber Company, operated by Robinson and Wright have been the heaviest losers. It is estimated that the fire has swept over six thousand acres of their holdings, destroying vast quantities of green timber. The village of Shulee has been in constant danger during the week, and fears are still entertained for the dwellings there.

Cochrane and Soley of Port Greenville have also had a large area of their timber lands swept by the flames, but owing to the intensity of the smoke and the violence of the fire it has been impossible to make an estimate of their loss.

This afternoon the fire reached the holdings of B. B. Barnhill at Two Rivers and Kelly Bros. at River Hebert. Both of these operators have a large staff of men fighting the advancing flames. But the task is almost a hopeless one. There has been little or no rain in the fire zone for the past ten days, and until rain falls the fire will probably be the worst that has ever occurred in the County.

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