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Healthy People Who Spread Disease

A recent piece of medical detective work, reminiscent in its details of the work of Sherlock Holmes, shows that many of the baffling problems still met with in medicine are by no means altogether insoluble once even the faintest of clues is chanced upon.

An outbreak of typhoid fever—once on a time the scourge of armies—had occurred at Streatham, that very populous London suburb. Every doctor knows how well an epidemic will spread unless it is energetically combated and its source of origin traced. It might be thought that trying to trace the starting-place of this infection in the maze of streets and multitude of dwellings composing that suburban area would be like looking for a needle in a haystack. But in such a case there are always two main lines of investigation to be followed—one along the route of the water supply, the other by the channels of milk distribution.

Innocent Germ-Carriers.

It was soon established that all the victims got their milk from the same source. So far so good. But the most complicated tests of the farms which supplied the milk failed to reveal a single clue! Then the milk distributors themselves were taken in hand, and medical tests showed immediately that the innocent cause of all the trouble was that the woman, who in conjunction with her husband ran the milk business, was a living storehouse of typhoid germs, though herself quite well. She has, of course, now been isolated in hospital, but if when she comes out she is still a "germ-carrier" her husband may have to give up his milk business.

These germ-carriers are found (and often, unfortunately, escape being found) everywhere. They are among the many unsolved medical mysteries. Judged by the millions of death-dealing microbes they carry with them wherever they go, disease should certainly have ended their power for mischief early in their disastrous careers.

A few years ago there were five mysterious outbreaks of food-poisoning, which were at last traced to a cook, who was not only a carrier of typhoid germs but also of that arch-poisoner of food, the Gaertner bacillus. She prepared a special kind of cream for a wedding party, but it was not the Gaertner bacillus that got the upper hand on that occasion; it was the typhoid germs, and they caused an outbreak of thirty-eight cases, ten of those attacked dying quickly. The cook, however, and her like, who may be carriers of diphtheria, tuberculosis, or other disease, remain immune.

Despite the researches and discoveries of Dr. Gye and Mr. Barnard, cancer is still a mystery as to its immediate origin and its cure in the human subject, and the same must be said of measles, smallpox, sleeping sickness, rheumatic fever, diphtheria, and foot-and-mouth disease. Mr. Barnard is hopeful of exploring still further these mysteries, and believes that his present work may yet lead to the discovery of nothing less than a new type of living things.

There are, despite the strides made

by bacteriology, many mysteries in the microbe underworld to which no clue has yet been found. Why is it, for instance, that a mixed vaccine, prepared for a Scottish man who suffered from "colds" in Edinburgh, protects him while resident in that grey metropolis, but fails him immediately he sets foot in London? Why do certain children attract the microbes of every infectious disease as surely as a magnet attracts iron filings, while others remain absolutely immune amid the same surroundings? Why should influenza recur every thirty-three weeks? But the why and wherefore of much microbial behaviour are as yet unanswered.

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WINTER PANIC.

The wind blows cold outside,
Its dirges of despair
Mock at the summer's pride
Of beauty everywhere.
The last brave leaves now fly
In terror down the way,
And a cold and cheerless sky
Foretells a cruel day.

Panic has struck the land
Where gentle roses bloomed
And the mother poppies stand
Helpless and pale and doomed.

The moaning of the trees
Has that sad, human tone
Of one who stands and sees
Her life's work overthrown.

Keen is the angry rain,
And merciless the blast,
An avalanche of pain
On plant and vine is cast.

Now terror-stricken all
That once was lovely seems:
The blindest twig to fall
In anguish sharply screams.

Panic is loose outside,
The tyrant frosts draw near:
When trees are terrified
How human they appear!

England's Rainiest Spot

In the neighbourhood of Helvellyn the rainfall is six times what it is in London, or in the rainiest of the eastern counties, and at one particular spot, Southwaite, in Cumberland, no less than one hundred and sixty-five inches of rain fell in the course of 12 months, being an amount little less than seven times the yearly average of London.

But those who are inclined to grumble at the weather of the English Lake District should remember that the rain comes down in greater quantities at once, and that it does not mean that at Southwaite there are seven rainy days to one in the South. The same remark applies to the rainiest spot on the earth, the Khasi Hills, a hundred miles northeast of Calcutta. There the rainfall amounts to five hundred and twenty-four inches per annum, that may be compared to the twenty-five of London.

But there it will sometimes rain as much as three inches in an hour, more than equal to many a whole month's rain in London. What it does, it does quickly.

Record Insurance Premium is Paid

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—What is believed to be the largest single payment of a premium ever made to a life insurance company by an industrial organization was made yesterday when the All-America Cables, Inc., delivered a cheque to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for \$1,325,238.

The payment was made for the purpose of placing 900 employees of the All-America on a pension basis.

Turkish Troops Gathering North of Mosul Region

London, Dec. 4.—The Westminster Gazette has received from Ankara, the seat of the Turkish Government, a mailed communication from its correspondent saying that if the League of Nations gives a decision in the Mosul dispute between Turkey and Great Britain which is not acceptable to Turkey, Turkey may go to war, or, by continued frontier raids and propaganda, stir up as much trouble as is possible for Great Britain in that part of the world. The correspondent declares the Turkish army is well trained and disciplined along the German model and that it is also well equipped, except that it is lacking in heavy artillery and tanks.

The Turks are said to be spending large sums in armaments and making feverish efforts to create an air force. The German junker company has erected an airplane factory at Eski Shehr, and every possible means is being adopted to raise funds to buy aircraft. There has been a considerable troop concentration north of the Brussels line, which runs east and west immediately north of Amman, and it is reported that four infantry divisions and one cavalry division are in that area.

"Presumably," the correspondent continues, "it would be comparatively easy for the Turks forcibly to take the Vilayet of Mosul as they would be faced only by Irak levies. The military preparations are being backed by an exceedingly helliose attitude on the part of the Turkish press and it is commonly stated that Turkey will fight unless she gets an acceptable decision at Geneva. The Turks, however, are not wholly irreconcilable and are anxious to enter into direct negotiations with Great Britain."

The correspondent says he gained the impression during discussions with well-informed Turks that the Ankara government would accept the line of the lower Zab river as a compromise frontier. He declares that it is not a case of swelled head on the part of Turkey, but that she regards it vitally necessary to her political future that the Kurds of southern Kurdistan be included in her territory.



Sleep Secrets

A few weeks ago eight students of the George Washington University submitted themselves to a test of sixty continuous hours of wakefulness.

One purpose of the experiment was to answer the question of whether sleep is vitally necessary. And while the answer was in no way conclusive, it seems to corroborate the conclusion that sleep, instead of being a "blessed thing," may really be a wasteful habit handed down to us by our primitive ancestors.

Too much sleep may be harmful, deadening the activities of the mind and body. Dr. Hollingworth, who has been studying the mystery of sleep, has gone so far as to advance the theory that it may be possible to develop a sleepless race.

He declares that eventually we may eliminate sleep by scaling it down gradually and getting accustomed to going without it (says a writer in "Popular Science Monthly").

A way to do this, he suggests, is to reduce our sleep five minutes every two months. At the end of sixteen years, provided we start at eight hours a night, "the stupor of sleep would be banished if it would be."

Church Puzzles

When you enter a place of worship, you first pass through the porch, and may then proceed to an aisle, or possibly take a seat in the nave, or near the chancel.

Porch, aisle, chancel, and nave are all queer words. Some have been built up just anyhow; others are derived from the Latin, and twisted weirdly in the process.

"Porch," for instance, is the word-child, just recognizable, of the Latin "ports," a gate. Why "ch" pushed "t" out of it, one cannot say.

"Aisle"—the schoolboy who called this word a "wicked speller" was quite right—is what our Saxon forebears made of "ais," a wing. An aisle, of course, is a "wing" of a church.

"Chancel" is really the "cancelli" or shut-off part of a church, and its word-parent is "cancelli," meaning "lattice work."

The connection—or the excuse for the word—"chancel"—lies in the fact that carved screens, or lattice work, generally divided the east end of a church from the other parts.

"Nave" is from the Latin "navis," a ship. A church is a religious sense to an ark. So—"nave".

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The question is looming large in the minds of both flying and medical men at the present time as to how long it will be before the human body proves

itself inferior, in at least one respect, to the machine made with human hands, and collapses under the strain of speed.

Serious physical results have been felt by aviators flying at the comparatively slow speed of four miles a minute. Nothing could be worse for the human frame than the results of a sudden turn while flying through the air at high speed. The blood is wrenched from the brain and drawn down into the body by centrifugal force, as a result of which the aviator loses consciousness for the space of some seconds.

As long as aeroplanes "behave" human bodies and brains "behave" them, say the medical experts, but

times a minute must be their maximum speed. Any rate of travel above this means, at the very least, permanent disablement for the pilot.

Fads and Fashions

Velvet should be blended with matching fur.

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