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FATAL SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Prof. Koch Finds That Crocodiles are the Cause.

Professor Koch has given a most interesting account of his recent experiments in East Africa to a special correspondent of the Lokalanzeiger, of Berlin, Germany.

The professor, who is in the best of health, said that he had been living for the last eighteen months on a desolate island belonging to the Sesse group, in the middle of Victoria Nyanza, with an army medical sergeant as his sole white companion.

They dwell in a straw hut similar to those occupied by the natives and saw only three Europeans throughout their stay, two of them being Viennese doctors and the third a German official. Their only means of communication with the world was a primeaval native boat fashioned out of a tree trunk, which conveyed them to the mainland.

Sleeping sickness is particularly prevalent in the Sesse Islands, the inhabitants of which are gradually dying off through the ravages of the disease.

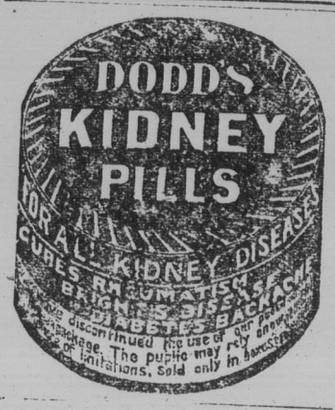
Professor Koch has ascertained that wherever crocodiles are found the disease may be discovered, but only in places near the banks. The blood of crocodiles forms the chief nourishment of the glossina palpalis, the insect which conveys the germs of the disease. The insects suck the blood between the plates of the animal's hide.

The extermination of the glossina is impossible, but the same end may be reached by destroying the crocodiles or by the removal of the bushes and undergrowth where the animals lurk.

Professor Koch made attempts to poison crocodiles with prepared meat, but had great difficulty in preventing the natives from seizing and eating it.

The principal outcome of Professor Koch's investigations is that there is a possibility now of making a certain diagnosis of sleeping-sickness and of adopting methods to combat it.

Subcutaneous injections of arsenic have proved efficacious, but the chief means of fighting the disease lie in constant medical attendance and in preventing patients from going into hitherto uninfected parts.



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STRIKES STARTED BY SPOOKS.

Many Other Trades Than Miners Are Similarly Affected.

At the moment of writing, all the colliers in the great Abhooz coal-pit near Liege, in Belgium, are on strike, the cause of their cessation of work being an apparition of a female figure draped in white.

This, of course, is no new thing, for miners are proverbially superstitious. Indeed, it is only a few years since a precisely similar occurrence took place at the Glyncorrwg Colliery in Glamorganshire. In this case the "woman in white," as she got to be called, was the cause of a loss to the neighborhood from which it has even now hardly entirely recovered.

In Warwickshire, again, in 1873, occurred a strike which lasted nearly a year, and cost over $150,000 in wages alone, the alleged cause being a "luminous boy." The apparition haunted, it was said, a certain disused drift. Into this drift one day, a miner, bolder than his fellows, ventured to penetrate, with the result that the "luminous boy" was found to be nothing more terrible than a post clothed in decaying fungi.

It must not be supposed, however, that these spook-induced strikes are entirely confined to miners. On the contrary, the British blue books on strikes, which are published annually, contain many instances of other trades being similarly afflicted.

Thus, in North London, not long since, a number of builders declined to continue work in a "haunted house," and a similar occurence was, about the same time, reported from Glasgow. There has even been recorded a strike of stevedores due to an alleged ghost in the hold of a vessel they were unloading.

HERRINGS 33 A PENNY.

Sixty Million Herrings Landed at Yarmouth One Day Recently.

There were remarkable scenes at Yarmouth, England, the other day. The town was full of herrings. It is estimated that 60,000,000 fish were landed from the boats, and prices dropped to as low as 2s. 6d. per cran of 1,000 herrings—thirty-three for a penny.

The work of unloading proceeded that night along a stretch of nearly three miles, with the aid of flare lamps. Hundreds of horses and carts were occupied till past midnight carting away fish to the curing houses, and the Highland herring girls, pursuing their work with the aid of naphtha torches, lightened their labors by singing choruses.

Some boats were diverted to Grimsby to ease off the pressure. Hundreds of baskets and barrels filled with herrings had to remain all night on the quays. Every man in want of a job was able to find one during the day.

One firm report that the average catch of their fleet of a hundred boats was 130,000 fish. The sea under the influence of a good tide and a full moon seemed teeming with herrings.

SIMPLE PRESCRIPTION.

EASILY MIXED AT HOME AND CURES ALL RHEUMATISM.

Full Directions to Make and Take This Simple Home-Made Mixture — Makes Kidneys Filter Acids.

When an eminent authority announced that he had found a new way to treat that dread American disease, Rheumatism, with just common, every-day drugs found in any drug store, the physicians were slow indeed to attach much importance to his claims. This was only a few months ago. To-day nearly every newspaper in the country, even the metropolitan dailies are announcing it and the splendid results achieved. It is so simple than any one can prepare it at home at small cost. It is made up as follows: Get from any good druggist Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost.

Rheumatism, as every one knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and forms about the joints and muscles, causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism.

This prescription is said to be a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys, and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and backache.

AGRICULTURAL.

"Thought you said you had ploughed that ten-acre field?" said the first farmer.

"Oh, I see; you've merely turned it over in your mind."

It is possible to draw out a man and make him interesting—but it's different with a sermon.

He is indeed a rare youth who never sent his best girl something soft—fruit, candy or letters.

"I must get you another chair for the kitchen, Katie. I see you have only one." "Shure, you needn't mind, ma'am. I have none but gintleman callers."

Clerk: "This letter is too heavy; you must stick another stamp on." Woman: "But you'll only make it heavier if you do that."