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PNEUMONIA.

The climate of St. John is peculiarly adapted to the development of pneumonia; the prevalence of damp weather, the frequent changes of temperature, high winds, squalls, sunshine and shadow, all create those conditions which lead to weaknesses in the lungs, and by causing sudden shocks to the system bring on this dread disease. During the present spring and in the winter which has just ended, pneumonia has claimed many victims in this city, for though this malignant inflammation is not always to be regarded as a deadly affliction, still it is difficult to overcome and will not readily yield to any known form of medical treatment. The best that can be done by physicians is to provide those conditions which help the patient to battle against that weakness which has seized upon him.

The board of health returns show that next to consumption pneumonia is the most deadly disease now prevalent, and the persons who suffer from it are far more numerous although the death rate is not nearly as high. A recent report states that during the year 1904 45,000 people in the United States died from pneumonia and there has been no decrease in the death rate since then. There have been no advances in medical science which can in any way guarantee a cure of this disease, and the patients, it would appear, recover through nature's efforts or not at all. Seventy-five per cent. of those who contract pneumonia get well, but if consumptives were left to the same kind of treatment, not over two per cent. would recover. There are a number of diseases such as smallpox, fever and others, which, having once taken hold of the man, leave him immune against them for the future. With pneumonia it is very different. The patient is weakened for life and is more liable to a second attack than he is to the first. As it happens, though, many people who have contracted the disease early in life, develop it from year to year until finally their constitutions become so weak that they are unable to battle against it. Medical science today knows a great deal about pneumonia and how to prevent it, but has not yet discovered any very satisfactory means of curing, although recent experiments with a form of antitoxin are giving good results. Pneumonia technically is an inflammation of the lungs, due to the presence of germs. These germs corrode and block the air passages, and cut off a large portion of the air supply. They weaken the heart by putting on it an extra load by pumping blood through clogged channels, and finally, they secrete poisons through the blood, send them to all parts of the body and disable the vital organs. A pneumonia patient, although his lungs are directly affected, seldom dies of suffocation. As a rule, death is a result of heart failure. The blood of a healthy person is sufficiently strong to meet and kill the germs which are in the lungs, but when the power of resistance is lowered or there has been shock, or where from any of the other causes to which humanity is exposed, germs get a foothold, pneumonia is simply a struggle between blood and germs. In three cases out of four the victory goes to the blood. Medical statistics prove that a person addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors is more liable to contract the disease than a total abstainer, yet the most temperate man may develop pneumonia by getting his feet wet, by a sudden chill, over work, violent exercise, eating too much, or by loss of sleep. In the great majority of cases, physicians find it impossible to in any way check the course of the disease. It runs itself, and in from three to seven days after the beginning of an attack there is usually a change for the better or worse. If this change occurs without mishap, the patient is soon out of danger, though he may be left with a bad cough and a severe lung weakness.

In olden days, pneumonia patients were confined in hot, close rooms and all manner of drugs were employed against the disease. Today, the doctors adopt a different system of treatment. They realize that fresh air, brightness, lots of water and other drinks, and good, but easily digested food are necessary. Modern methods of reducing fever and relieving the pain are also employed. Formerly whiskey was used as a stimulant, but nowadays it is considered dangerous, and the fresh air treatment is almost largely adopted for pneumonia as for consumption. In some of the New York hospitals pneumonia patients are put in beds upon the roof and treated just as those in sanatoria. Good nursing is of more value than drugs, and this is always insisted upon. The best way to prevent pneumonia is by avoiding exposure and excesses and by seeking to maintain the body in good condition by regular sleep and wholesome food. Cold baths and sensible clothing are better than warm baths and heavy underwear. Those who live

out doors form the smallest percentage of victims, indoor workers the most numerous.

EYESORES.

In this staid and solemn burg there are many little incidents, trifling enough in their way, and unnoticed now through familiarity, which call forth criticism from visitors. In the middle of the city, within a stone's throw from the business centre, are heaps of rubbish, tumbled down fences, vacant lots which have been converted into dumps, and untenanted shops where fragments of faded lithographs hang from the windows. These things are not pleasant to look upon. Because a corner lot is waiting for a building is no reason why the fence around it should fall to pieces, or that fence if repaired should go without a coating of whitewash. Nor is there any particular reason why all the odds and ends gathered off the streets should be scattered about this lot. In St. John there are hundreds of places, eyesores in their present condition, which by the expenditure of two or three dollars could be made neat and attractive. It would not be a waste of money.

Why should lithographs torn from the billboards when their usefulness has ceased, be thrown behind those boards to be whisked by the wind around the streets? Is it nice to think that a man with a vacant shop will leave the windows for a display of theatrical or patent medicine posters, receiving in return a show ticket or a box of salve? Yet these things are done, and done thoughtlessly, because people have not got into the way of caring about the appearance of their city.

THE BEST OF ALL BELLES.

He loved a fair maiden,  
She smiled on his suit,  
He sent her nice candy,  
And flowers to boot.  
He took her in autos,  
But when the snow fell—  
"Was a pair of swift runners—  
She was his sleigh 'belle'."

He wooed and he won her,  
She fixed on the day,  
And great preparations  
They both made, straightway.  
His heart when he wed her  
With rapture did swell,  
No bride was more lovely  
Than this—his church 'belle'.

The girl showed much pride in pointing out the good points of a new wagon. She said, "Look how strong it is. Don't you think the trimmings are all right? I will finish painting it today."

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ARREST TOWN COUNCIL

FOR NEGLECTING ROAD

Borough Lawmakers Summoned to Answer for Maintaining Nuisance.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 30.—A session of the Borough Council being held under arrest, charged with neglecting a nuisance in neglecting to keep the Wild Cat road in proper condition for public travel. The Councilmen are: Abraham Howells, Andrew Kowalski, Thomas McDonald, Edward Munley, Thomas Kenney, John McNamee, Gus McNamee, John Morrison and Martin Cawley.

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A FATAL ADVERTISEMENT.

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GIRL BLACKSMITH DOES MORE WORK THAN MEN

Shoes Horses and Makes Wagons With Utmost Skill

Collects Bills and Cares for Books in Leisure Hours—Fond of Her Calling.

ST. LOUIS, April 30.—Miss Minnie Haggmann, sixteen years old, daughter of Lorenz Haggmann, a blacksmith, is a blacksmith herself.

That young girl has been in her father's shop for three years, and, as he expresses it, "knows all about everything." She shoe a horse as quickly and as neatly as the best of them. She can make a wagon, too.

In fact there is nothing about the shop that she does not understand; no kind of work that she is unable to perform. Her father has no man in the shop who could do half the work his daughter does, he says.

She understands the "business," he remarked, "and takes an interest in her work. I couldn't do without her."

When asked whether she intended remaining in her present work, Miss Haggmann replied that she did. She said that it was her ambition to become "the best blacksmith in all the country."

In addition to her general shopwork, Miss Haggmann is her father's bookkeeper. She collects all the bills. With all this she is not too "tired and worn out" to be a regular attendant at Sunday school and church.

Knowing that many of the young men of St. Louis and its suburbs would be anxious to win the hand of a young woman who runs successfully a blacksmith shop and who could, if necessary, perhaps be president of a railroad, Miss Haggmann was asked if she had given the subject of matrimony any thought. The girl smiled slightly and only replied: "Not yet."

Miss Haggmann, in answer to a question as to the number of hours she devoted to her work, replied that she had no special hours. "I get up early," she said, "and am busy usually by sun-up. I spend most of the day in the shop. The books are posted at night. I do not lose much time in collecting bills, as nearly all the patrons come in and pay up."

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TELEPHONE WORK GOOD FOR THE EARS

"Hello" Girls Need Not Fear Loss of Hearing

Result of Exhaustive Investigation and Examination of 371 Operators by Copenhagen Expert.

LONDON, April 30.—The question of whether the continual use of the telephone is injurious to the hearing has been the subject of an exhaustive investigation by Dr. Blegvad, of the Laryngological Clinic, of Copenhagen. An examination of 371 "hello" girls leads him to believe that continual telephone work does not damage the hearing. On the contrary, some subjects are declared to have had their hearing materially improved owing to the practice attained in immediately distinguishing foreign sounds from those incidents to telephone work.

Dr. Blegvad reaches the conclusion that a naturally healthy, normal ear will not be harmed by telephone work, except through accident, lightning shocks, short circuiting, etc. He advises those contemplating this sort of work to submit themselves to an expert examination. He says that persons inclined to nervous trouble, congestion of the blood and sufferers from headaches should be dissuaded from entering the calling.

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537 LIVES, \$10,000,000, RECENT LOSS AT SEA

In Four Months Marine Disasters Have Reached Enormous Proportions.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Since the first of this year the money loss in marine disasters has been about \$10,000,000. It has been one of the most disastrous seasons in shipping history for insurance companies. In human life the cost has been frightful, as 537 persons met death.

The most appalling disasters followed. Loss of the Larchmont on February 13 in Long Island Sound. She was run down by a schooner, and 183 lives were lost. The City of Berlin sank off the Hook of Holland on February 20, and 209 passengers and crew perished.

When the Jena, a French cruiser, blew up late in March, 120 sailors were killed.

No lives were lost in the accidents which resulted in the greatest damage to property. When the big liner Dakota, of the Great Northern Company, was sunk in the Bay of Tokyo, all the passengers and crew were rescued without difficulty. The Dakota foundered on a group of rocks, and there was no way to get her off nor to save her valuable cargo.

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