

in 1893, when the deaths amounted to 44,486, 6,487 or 1 in 6.86 were due to pneumonia.

The great increase is, for the most part, confined to the last four years, corresponding to the recurring epidemics of influenza. There can hardly be any question that the increased prevalence of pneumonia is due to the influenza poison. The pneumonia met with in influenza is generally of a lobular and disseminated character. It may be a direct infection from the influenza bacillus or a mixed infection (pneumo-coccus, influenza bacillus, streptococcus, &c.)

It is always a very grave disease, the mortality being greater than in the ordinary croupous pneumonia.

No progress has been made with the serum treatment in croupous pneumonia. There is no proof that the serum of persons recently ill with pneumonia has any influence over the disease in another person. The alleged beneficial results obtained by the Klemperer Brothers have, unfortunately, not been sustained.

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Conan Doyle, who has acquired some reputation as a story teller, deals in a recent tiny volume with the subject of hypnotism. One would naturally think that his medical knowledge would have saved him from writing nonsense, when dealing with such a subject. It unfortunately has not. A work of fiction should not be fictitious in every respect. From its perusal one should gather some grains of truth and goodness. The volume in question is an cut and out fiction.