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### A NEW HEALTH BILL

It is intimated that before very long a new Provincial Health Bill will be prepared and that this may be introduced at the next session of the legislature. The reason given is that the act now in force is not up to the requirements of modern hygiene. There will be no one who will contradict this statement. The provisions of the present act were obsolete when Kosh was a boy, and it is practically impossible for health officers to take any effective action with the powers they now possess. The present act contains a great many sections prohibiting practices which no person of ordinary sound mind would ever think of committing, and ordering to be done certain things which the every day man regards it as criminal to neglect. It may be that at the time the act was passed this was not the case, and that through its workings the public have been educated. If so the law has served its purpose and it is now upon whom rests the responsibility of the public health to frame a bill which will be a generation in advance of present day customs and which will include regulations necessary for the good of the community but not yet generally followed. During the past score of years there has been a revolution in medicine and all scientists now as they should have done many years ago pay greatest attention to cleanliness, not only in personal matters, but as regards surroundings. Fresh air, sun, light, and soap and water are the greatest remedies known but they cannot be effective unless personal habits of life are equally pure. There is practically nothing in the present health act which can be regarded as precautionary against the development of disease, although there are provisions which are supposed to guard against the spread of any disease. For instance, vaccination and quarantine are ordered where smallpox is discovered, but absolutely no attention is paid to the methods adopted in the family of a consumptive. Yet five hundred people die yearly in New Brunswick from consumption to one from smallpox, and perhaps the proportion would be found even greater if there were any comprehensive system of registration. In the past few years members of the medical profession in this Province have endeavored to place before the people and the government, facts in connection with tuberculosis and to educate the public in combating this disease. Their efforts have not been so much in the way of treatment as towards prevention and it has been most clearly explained, time and again, that consumption is, under ordinary conditions, almost as contagious as smallpox, while it is known to be a hundred times more deadly. In most places consumption is classified as a contagious disease. In New Brunswick this has never been done, and one of the points to be observed in the framing of the new bill is to correct this error which has for years been productive of fatal results. A Health Bill comprising sensible and necessary regulations regarding consumption alone to the disregard of every other disease would be of far more value to New Brunswick than the one now in force.

### CANADA'S SAD FATE.

A writer in the London National Review displays great anxiety over what he regards as the possibility of the ultimate annexation of Canada to the United States. His condition is deserving of heartfelt sympathy, for he seems to be thoroughly persuaded that the view of the western situation is the only reasonable one. He urges that the Dominion Government's policy should receive serious consideration by the Mother Country and that something be speedily done to prevent the fate which is now threatening Canada. He detects in his almost inexpressible sorrow, the influence of American institutions on Canadian life. The fact that we are headed straight towards annexation is in his mind clearly proven by the following circumstances:—Canadian papers adopt a colloquial style in expression similar to that found in United States journals, and the comic supplements are furnished by a Yankee press syndicate. United States currency is in general circulation. Hotels are conducted on the American plan—so called. The clothing worn by Canadians is not of the same style and cut as that worn in England. The language is not that of London, nor does the humor of Canada entirely resemble that of Punch. Base ball is more popular than cricket, and the people have the habit of mixing drinks and chewing peanuts. More than all these things there is the fact that United States farmers are swarming into Canada, laden down with money and agricultural experience, and are making their homes in the country. This is the last straw. If the Dominion is to be saved it must im-

port hundreds of thousands of British settlers, similar to the comparatively small numbers who have been coming in recent years and who, in this writer's opinion, are the only proper class to assist in the development of a young country. That had! too bad!

### METAMORPHOSES OF AN EVER-LASTING LAGER.

"When all good men were monkeys," the learned professor said. "That ego that you know of was forged to the head. But Monk the Bile opposed him for leader of the clan. And so he sought his trooper, the first defeated man."

"His soul showed up in Cavedom; our forebears sought a king. This ego up and told them: 'See here, I'm just the thing.' But Stone-spade Hank got busy; his policies were sane. And though this ego hustled, once more he ran in vain."

"He popped up next in Egypt and sought to win the throne. By preaching them made mummies, the Sphinx the people's own; But Pharaoh ran against him; the business men turned out. And snowed this ego under and 'twas a goodly rout."

"He ran in Greece and Britain, and when this land was young— Some time in sixteen hundred—our dads were almost stung. But he turned out a loser, as in the ancient days. And, son, we follow closely the good old fashioned ways."

First Lady: "How very happy the bridegroom looks! Really, it is pleasant to see a young man looking so joyful." Second Lady: "Hush! That's not the bridegroom. That's a gentleman the bride lifted six months ago."

### HELPFUL ADVICE.

"Why, Henry," she exclaimed, "what is the matter with you? You seem excited." It was a minute before he could control his voice sufficiently to speak. "I am," he asserted. "I have been insulted."

"How? Who did it?" And her spirit rose. "By a second who came into my office this morning. I have never met him before, and now I have come to you for advice. What would you do if a man were to tell you to go to Jericho and stop there?"

As he strode about the room he kicked over the table and a couple of chairs. "Why, dear," she replied, after the impulsive manner of women and with the utmost sincerity, "I wouldn't go." Then he sat down and thought that a good wife's advice was an anchor to windward in a husband's most tempestuous moments.

### STRAIGHT FRONT CORSETS —FAT—AND HEAT

The first two stretch wretched minutes into hours of misery for the modest fat woman these days. Her old programme is slow strangulation from 3 p. m. to bedtime.

But this to others comical anguish of the well-dressed fat woman in hot weather may be avoided. Let her reduce ten or fifteen pounds and she can wear her stylish garb with comfort at 50 in the shade.

All she needs to do is ask her druggist for 1/2 ounce Marmola, 1/2 ounce Fluid Extract Carrots Aromatic, and 1/2 ounce Syrup Simplex. Take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime, and in a little while she should be losing from one-half to a pound a day. At that rate she can soon get down into the comfort belt and do it without exertion, disturbance of her habits, or injury of any sort. For understand, this is a harmless home mixture that doesn't cause wrinkles, cost much, require any assistance from exercising or starvation methods to help it get results.

### THE INDIAN PLAGUE

Plague-Relief Committee Did Much to Aid the Government.

CALCUTTA, August 4.—A splendid example of what can be done by co-operation between Government and the people, in combating a calamity as the plague, was set by Poona during the last epidemic. The outbreak lasted seven months, from August, 1907, to February of the current year, and the deaths from plague amounted to 1,250 among a population of about 15,000, which is estimated to be the number of persons who remained in the city. The special feature of the preventive and relief operations in Poona was the information of the Plague Relief Committee, of which the Hon. Mr. Gokhale was the president, and Rao Bahadur M. K. Kumbhar and G. K. Deodhar, of the Servants of India Society, were the joint secretaries. The committee's various operations were organized under several heads, such as inoculation, medical assistance, help in respect of the disposal of the dead, and temporary provision for such persons as were left completely destitute on account of the death of the bread winners of the family. In cases where removal to the health camps was not possible, volunteers tried to persuade the inmates of infected houses to get themselves inoculated, promising them every assistance. There was another set of volunteers specially devoted to the work of popularizing inoculation against plague.

The total number of inoculated was 15,238, consisting of all classes, Jews, Christians, Mohammedans, Parsis, Marathas, Paradeshis, Mahars, Marwaris, Brahmins, Parthians, Banias, Marwaris, Mangs. Only thirty plague attacks occurred among this large number of inoculated persons; of the thirty all but four recovered. One of the four actually had the plague when he was inoculated.

### SULTAN'S ARMY FAILED HIM

Lost Support of Autocracy Brought on Turkish Revolt

Army Not the Regiments That Were Sent to Crush Mutiny Mutilated Themselves.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The inner history of the revolution in Turkey is now available. It comes by messenger from a source in which, although it cannot be fully disclosed, implicit reliance can be placed. The writer emphasizes at the outset that the important events of the last few days surprised the acutest members of the Diplomatic Corps even as they did the Sultan himself. Foreign observers are still filled with amazement at the unparalleled speed of a bloodless revolution with enthusiastic loyalty to a former tyrant. The long and systematic campaign by the Young Turk party is unequalled in modern times for its skill, its secrecy and its success.

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The policeman took the hint and departed at once. This was done in the most frequent place in Salonica on Thursday at noon.

As to the future only the foolish would venture to prophesy. The Constantinople writer quoted above says the army will demand a complete change in the Sultan's entourage and probably the execution of the greatest malefactor who have robbed and oppressed the people, and an almost complete change of ministers. Parliament will meet, according to decree, in November, but certain reforms must be begun at once.

Some express fear that the demands will not be pressed to real fruition. But a backward step now would be fatal to the Sultan. The key to the situation is the financial question. There never has been a rational budget. The Sultan is the sole treasurer. He refused to allow the Midhat, thirty years ago, to limit him to \$5,000 a day for palace expenses. Since then the Sultan's personal expenditure has quadrupled.

The country, rich as it is, is on the verge of financial ruin. Everything in sight is taxed to the utmost. When a new government begins cutting expenses right and left, as it must do, there will be created a great body of malcontents. The Sultan will be foolish if he opposes ministerial control of the national finances, but he may do so and then a fresh crisis will be precipitated.

The European powers represented at Constantinople are still rubbing their eyes. Germany got a blow in the solar plexus in the fall of Ferid Pasha, who was her mainstay. Said Pasha is regarded as pro-English, but in the days to come there will be no question of pro anything for foreign affairs will be delegated temporarily to the rear, the Powers will adjust themselves to the new situation.

The danger for Turkey lies by no means in the hands of the Powers, but in the hands of the Sultan himself. He will attempt to hinder reform by any means, and any further move by the Powers will be of course postponed. It is not abandoned, but there is some reason for confidence. The party which carried out this revolution with consummate skill and restraint may be relied upon to meet successfully any new crisis.

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