

THE COMING OF SPRING SPELLS THE DANGER OF TYPHOID FEVER.

A Few Suggestions to Ward Off An Outbreak of This Disease—Danger Chiefly From Shallow Wells when Winters' Ice and Snow Are Melted.

"With the coming of warm weather, the consumption of green vegetables, the increased use of milk, and the rapid breeding of the house fly, there is a greatly increased danger from typhoid fever.

This is the statement of Dr. W. D. Stoval, chief of the laboratory, which is operated in connection with the University of Wisconsin.

"The lack of fear of typhoid is probably responsible for a great deal of the indifference with which the disease has been treated," said Dr. Stoval. "Yet this indifference is not justified. In 1910 there were about 250,000 cases in the United States. The average fatality being about ten per cent. It has been estimated that typhoid fever causes an economic loss of \$100,000,000 a year.

"The typhoid bacillus probably always enters by the mouth and grows and multiplies in the intestinal tract. Water is considered a very frequent means of spreading typhoid fever but the bacilli do not live in it for usually longer than a week. The water-borne epidemics usually occur in the early spring when the ice and snow melt and carry surface washings into the water supply. This is especially true of the shallow wells that are in use on farms. Typhoid is more frequently neglected.

"Milk affords an excellent medium for the growth of typhoid bacilli. They may reach the milk either through water which is used around the dairy, or from the persons handling it. Typhoid bacilli multiply so rapidly in milk that a milk-borne epidemic is characterized by a number of people in the same family coming down with the disease within a few days of each other and a large number on the same route being stricken.

"Green vegetables, milk products, oysters, shell fish and flies are means by which the disease may be spread. The typhoid bacillus may live on the legs of a fly for twenty-five days. The kitchen and dining room of every home should be carefully screened against the entrance of this carrier.

"To prevent the outbreak and spread of typhoid epidemic the following precautions should be taken:

"If there is any question about the purity of a water supply, a sample should be taken and sent to the state laboratory for analysis. This is done without cost. All dairymen should carefully avoid having in their employ any one who is a typhoid carrier or who is a convalescent from the disease. Excretions from questionable employees should be subjected to an examination by the laboratory.

"All typhoid patients should be immediately isolated. The proper place to do this is in the hospital. The case should be reported to the health authority. All excretions should be burned. For the patient there should be an individual set of dishes which should never be taken from the room before boiling. Everything used in the room, bedding, towels, etc., should be boiled. Milk bottles should be kept out of the sick room. The nurse should take every precaution in her relation with the other members of the family.

"No convalescent should be allowed to go about without restriction until it has been provided that typhoid bacilli are no longer shed. The laboratory work necessary to prove this is done at the state laboratory without cost.

"Probably the most important step which has been taken by science in the fight against typhoid fever is the use of anti-typhoid vaccine. This is also distributed from the state laboratory. Any physician can administer it.

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There will be some clicking of motors here this season, as Richard Hancock is building a first class motor boat, John H. Hancock and Jas. Stewart another daisy for the first trial; also Friend W. Dunphy is building by draft and promises to be the best he ever completed. Skipper Aubrey is building a dandy jolly boat. Keen interest is taken by all spectators.

Yesterday was one of the old timers to see men going on ice with their stockings full of "tougings" all engaged in hauling seals. All secured good tows and back early, and of course the flipper was enjoyed by all. One young fellow, Eli Curtis, killed one bedlamer with a picket and got it to land without a rope.

Every man around here is disgusted with P. T. McGrath's appointment. If Sir Edward's strong supporters are talking hard things against the Premier—another boost for the F.P.U.

Must say our mail carrier and Rosey are certainly running on time. Little later on we will need new bushing. Now Look.

**Bay-de-Verde Looses
One of Its Best
Known Citizens**

Edward Walsh Crosses the Bar at the Ripe Old Age of 85.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—There passed peacefully away at Bay de Verde on the 26th inst. one of our oldest residents, Mr. Edward Walsh at the ripe old age of 85. He was indeed a man of distinct personalities and always commanded the respect and esteem of the whole community. Skipper Ned, as he was usually called, was one of our old time fishermen and spent many years of his life plying his humble avocation on the East side of Bacalieu Island.

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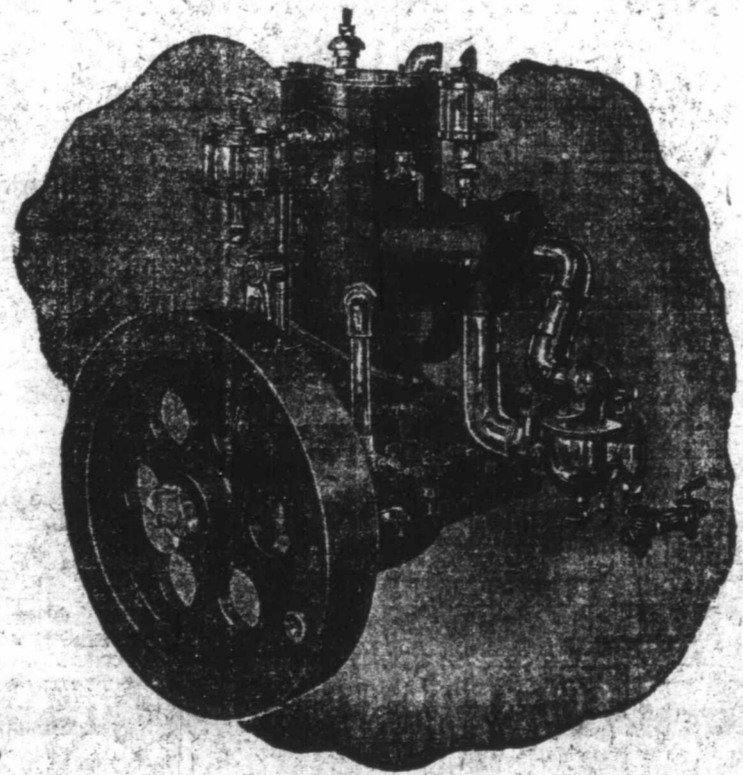
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