

consumptive patients who are able to go about, perhaps able to work at their ordinary calling in the office or factory when ignorant or careless, constitute the greatest danger to the health of the community. They must be considered as the most frequent cause of infection. The careless, ignorant or helpless consumptive when confined to bed can do little more than infect his room, but the advanced patient able to follow some calling can, if he is careless, scatter 7,000,000,000 bacilli every day with the greatest ease.

“Of all tuberculosis patients he should be the most carefully instructed, and should be most deeply impressed with the fact that carelessness in the disposal of the sputum is dangerous to himself as well as to his neighbors.

“As yet people generally have not been educated up to the point at which they are willing to carry and use a pocket flask or cardboard purse. Being desirous to conceal their condition, they are extremely reluctant to do anything which would call attention to their infirmity. Some way less likely to cause remark must be found. Probably the best that can be done in the meantime is to suggest that tuberculous men should have two pockets lined with some material which can be easily cleaned, and that they should carry in one of these pockets very cheap handkerchiefs, or bits of cheesecloth, or other cheap material cut like handkerchiefs, which when used can be put in the other pocket and there kept until the close of the day when they can be easily destroyed or sterilized by boiling after their return home. In this way they can escape observation, and at the same time secure their fellow-workmen and associates against danger. When so simple a precaution as this, and one so easily within the reach of every right thinking man, is available, not to make use of it would seem to be little less than criminal neglect.”

Youthful Marriages in Manitoba.

A marriage license recently reached the Department of Agriculture at Winnipeg from a Galician settlement, which gave the ages of both contracting parties as only twelve years, and as a result the legislature passed a bill amending the marriage laws so that no one can marry under twelve, and up to the age of eighteen the consent of the parents must be received.

It is wrong to perform any radical operation for an ulcer of the tongue without preliminary microscopical examination. Clinical symptoms, no matter how typical, are often misleading.—*American Journal of Surgery.*