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thirteenth century. "Big Acts." Intellectual Titans range themselves against each other, one out-vieing the other, in proving or objecting to the particular question at issue. At Loyola, Baltimore, and at Woodstock, Md., I have studied and been entranced at their wisdom, knowledge, and skill.

The objector, however, in these "Acts," accepts the rules of logic and admits that there are two or three self-evident facts such as "a thing cannot be and not be at the same time," "a man knows he is alive," "a cause is greater than its effect."

Obviously if any sane man denies the first of these plain metaphysical truths, to wit: that a proposition and its contradictory cannot both be true, there is no use reasoning with him.

Yet the pacifists and the "conscientious objectors" against all war, all vaccination, all vivisection generally use just such arguments. They "object" by ignoring or refusing to accept self-evident facts such as vaccination prevents more deaths, more sickness, more invalidism, and more hideous scars many times over than smallpox and typhoid fever combined; pure vaccination never in itself causes lockjaw; vaccination pure or impure, well or carelessly done never causes cancer; vivisection does not cause as much pain to experimental animals such as rats, serpents, and pigs, as butchering for the table does to domestic animals used by "conscientious objectors" for victuals and drink, such as sheep, calves, robins,

A feeble infant with whom hiccup comes to be of daily occurrence often falls into a state of extreme exhaustion; in such a case great care should be taken to ward off or put an early stop to the attacks.

Where there is any serious disorder of the abdominal organs, persistent hiccup is a disquieting symptom; and when it occurs as an accompaniment of kidney disease, it is almost always of grave significance.

In simple cases, very slight measures are sufficient to put an end to the attack. Anything that causes a feeling of suffocation will generally effect a cure, because that feeling naturally results in a forced contraction of the diaphragm. One old-fashioned remedy is the slow sipping of a glass of water; another is the drawing and holding of deep breaths at regular intervals.

In the case of small babies, a mere change of position will sometimes stop an attack. When the hiccup does not yield promptly to simple measures, careful search should be made for the cause. In the case of infants or small children, this is usually connected with the diet.

Pneumonia

This name is applied to several distinct acute diseases of the lungs, but most commonly to that caused by the poison of a particular microbe, the



A Canadian writing home, after a battle, "Am Safe." The spiked boards were laid on roads and along trenches to hold up our men and horsemen; but they did not.

deer, pigeons and other slaughtered creatures for food or millinery.

In the end a man's conscience is little less or more than his knowledge or intellectual judgment between two alternatives. If his experience has been full of the hard realities of life, if his facts have been gained from actual contact with the fires of the world, his judgment will guide him unerringly to a resolute decision and deed to safeguard his honor, his health, his rights, and his happiness in the light of the practical facts which take human nature as it is into account. If he is a "conscientious objector," a dreamer, his judgment usually is fallacious.

HICCUP

Hiccup is the spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm; it may be a symptom of the most trivial importance that yields to the simplest kind of treatment, or of a serious and intractable affection that persists for a long time, and even produces death by exhaustion. No one may hope to be entirely free from hiccup; in its simple form it is extremely frequent, but upon the whole it is more common with children than with adults.

Sometimes the attack comes on without any apparent cause; but it may follow a sudden chill, such as that caused by stepping from a warm bed to a cold room; it may accompany a violent fit of crying, or it may be due to the distension of the stomach by food or gas. Severe fright or nervous shock have also been known to lead to intractable attacks of hiccup.

pneumococcus. "Lobar" or croupus pneumonia is so named because it attacks one or both lobes, and involves the whole of the lobe or lobes affected. In "lobular" pneumonia smaller parts of the lung, called lobules, are invaded, and the patches of disease are scattered here and there over one or both lobes.

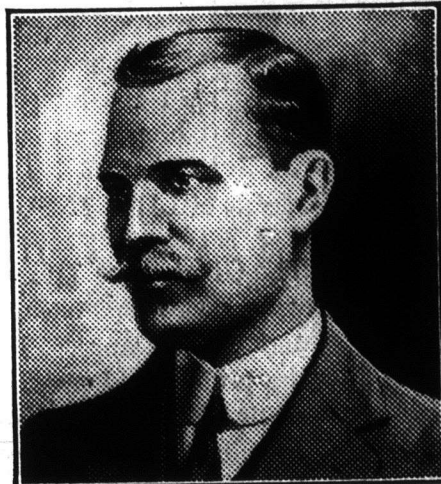
The air-cells of the infected lung become inflamed, and are filled with an exudation of fibrin and blood. Thus the lobe becomes a solid mass, impervious to air. At the same time the poison is absorbed by the blood and causes the symptoms most characteristic of the disease.

Lobar pneumonia begins suddenly, with a severe chill and usually with a sharp pain in the side. Sometimes there are no premonitory symptoms, and the transition from health to serious illness occupies only a few hours. Fever begins with the chill, and quickly attains its full height. It remains high with little variation for several days. The patient's breathing is labored, rapid and shallow.

This condition persists for several days—from three or four to nine or ten—and then, in favorable cases, relief comes almost as suddenly as the disease began. The fever begins to fall rapidly; the breathing becomes easier; the pulse drops nearly to normal; the cough grows less troublesome; the duskiness of the face disappears; delirium, if there was any, ceases, and the patient seems almost well. He is not yet well, however, for the lung is still filled, but the system has got the upper hand of the invading germs.

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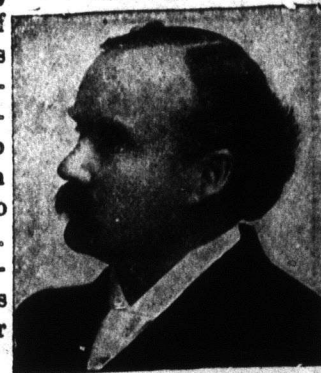
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