

made, these trypanosomes would be found in a large percentage of the rats of this city.

This organism, the *T. Lewisi*, is a very common parasite in the ordinary house rat, some even claim that it is as widely distributed as the rat itself. Novy, of Ann Arbor, was the first to recognize the *T. Lewisi* in America. Since then, I learn that it has been found in Detroit, San Francisco, Philadelphia, New York, Lincoln, Seattle, Chicago and Ottawa.

A CHART FOR THE STUDY OF CONGENITAL CARDIAC DISEASES.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

During the past few months I have been engaged in the statistical study of some 404 cases of congenital cardiac disease. These cases have been drawn from reliable sources, and only those with post mortem report attached have been included, so that the data derived from their study are of much interest and are of value as positive statements. Some of these conclusions I hope to bring before the Society at a later date. Meantime, I take this opportunity of demonstrating to you the chart which I have used as a basis of this work. This chart, 300 copies of which have been printed, is meant for the study of the individual case, and is spaced for eleven such. For the purpose of this evening's demonstration, however, I have inserted in its columns the total figures from those cardiac defects which, both from their relative frequency and from the fact that they usually present signs or symptoms during life, may be considered of clinical importance. There are 324 such defects among the 404 cases analyzed. The form of defect is stated in the left-hand column of the chart in the space devoted to the "Lesion," and opposite to it, reading across the chart from left to right, is the total number of cases of this group in which the condition specified in the different columns, occurs. The number of cases in each group is as follows:—

- (1) Localized defects of the interauricular septum (including widely patent foramen ovale), 28 cases.
- (2) Localized defects of the interventricular septum, 40 cases.
- (3) Complete defects of the cardiac septa, as cor biloculare, triloculare, etc., 12 cases.