

spent over a thousand millions in cleansing and purifying its sea-ports.

According to the other, the real danger lies in the importation of the morbid germs ; therefore, protection is sought in the efforts to prevent their introduction along sea-board and frontiers, or, in other words, in the establishing of an effective quarantine service.

These two doctrines may be equally true, but separately they are not complete. To secure real protection in accordance with the requirements of modern science, of commerce, and of the financial standing of a country, a just medium has to be adopted by a combination of the two doctrines. What has been possible and successful in England, owing to the small extent of coast and land, and to the isolated position of the country, cannot be so in other localities ; a long coast-line, a large surface of country, and near exposure to infection, would render the sterilization of the soil an enterprise much too expensive and tedious ; the immediate help of a strict and intelligent quarantine service is required.

Quarantine may yet be looked upon as horrible and too rigorous for certain commercial and personal interests, but, on one hand, we all have interests to protect,—and the most vital interest : our health and lives ; and, again, the quarantine of to-day, with its modern perfection, has been reduced to a minimum and has become simply a station for inspection and disinfection. The name alone of horrifying remains of the past. So all should bow before the general appeal and the general interests of a country demanding protection ; and, instead of obstructing progress, should work actively to help science to render the means at hand still more perfect and less stringent, and invent others more effective and of easier application.

To protect us against fire, accidents and crime, the law demands of us certain requirements that do not always suit our views or our funds ; but, for the general good, we are obliged to yield. Should the law not be even more inflexible and powerful with regard to the dictates of the apostles of Hygiene, that benevolent daughter of Esculapius and protecting goddess