

There are many buildings, such as some sanatoria, hotels, boarding houses, etc., which might be put in commission for cases of tuberculosis.

It admits of no doubt that consumptives can be located in winter in mountainous regions, especially patients who have been weather-hardened by timely application of hydrotherapeutic treatment. Such patients can enjoy in winter also, in cold regions fresh air, aside of the fact that the sleeping and dwelling apartments can be kept energetically air-pure.

IX. DUTY OF REPORTING AGAINST HEREDITY.

The increase of physical, intellectual and moral degenerates in modern times, gave rise to the question of what measures to adopt to prevent heredity. The United States have proceeded in this with greatest energy. This need not surprise us. The senile trend, which characterizes many European conditions, is wanting in that virile empire, in which initiative individuals can prevail much easier. Also the multiplicity of state legislation carries with it, that original, youthfully vigorous legislation upon the soil of ripened science and advantageous insight could be carried through and applied to actually prevailing conditions. The law of Michigan is most vigorous against the danger of heredity. It enacts that all lunatics, epileptics and criminals convicted three times must be castrated before leaving the hospitals. Besides this many States forbid patients afflicted with infection and diseases that are easily transmitted to marry, and Indiana includes in this category sufferers from tuberculosis.

What kind of tuberculous patients would rationally be concerned in such a law? Should it, perhaps, everybody who suffers from a thickening of the apices, where in the sputa the Koch cells have been found and who has suffered once from hæmoptysis? All the world agrees that tuberculosis is frequently curable, and every physician knows fathers and mothers who at one time were seriously threatened with consumption, and who, nevertheless, had a healthy progeny. All cases of past tuberculosis must be, therefore, self-evidently exempted from every measure of force or prohibition.

The prevention of marriage has only an application in florid consumption.

The marriage obstacles will have an effect with such patients, that in the lower stratas of society the concubines will increase and the male and female gold-fishes will easily circumvent the law.

For the cohabitation outside of wedlock these laws are of no effect. Extraordinary conditions, however, would grow out of it, if hygienic pursuits would succeed, analogous to the Michigan law, to have castration enforced for tuberculous sufferers. With the prevailing mania to-day