

inflamed arm, and take it upon themselves to exaggerate the evil effects of vaccination.

As to the protective value of vaccination a few examples from history should suffice. In London during the 17th century the annual death rate was about 2,000 from smallpox. London then had a population of a little over half a million.

In 1802 it was stated that the yearly death rate in Britain was about 45,000. In those days most of the population had the disease at some time or other.

In the early part of the 19th century there died of smallpox in Prussia about 40,000 annually.

About the year 1811 and onwards there died in France 150,000 people each year.

In Russia in prevaccination days as many as 2,000,000 have died in one year.

The death rate in all Europe prior to vaccination was from 200,000 to 400,000 a year.

Many other instances of the ravages of smallpox could readily be cited, such as the havoc it wrought among the American Indians.

But smallpox will still kill. It is not many years since Russia lost nearly 300,000, Spain over 20,000, and other countries many thousands by this disease.

A word on the dangers of the operation. Statistics show that there is about one death in every 300,000 vaccinations. Further, that the bad arms and such deaths as may occur are due to carelessness and dirty conditions.

THE DANGERS OF THE EPILEPTIC

The epileptic at large is a real source of danger. Psychical disturbances at any time may occur and cause a most serious display of mental aberration. In these moments terrible crimes may be committed. The psychic disturbances may happen independently of a convulsive seizure. There may be a variety of conditions from the confusional to the dreamy states. Among the conditions not necessarily connected with a convulsion may be mentioned those of confusion, stupor, delirium, paranoid, impulses, depression. It is a characteristic of epilepsy that the higher mental states are interfered with. There is a marked disturbance in the association of ideas and the proper sensation of personality is lost. Voluntary control may be lost, and the person act as if in a dream state.

Though these epileptics may be able to designate their own identity correctly enough, they lose their proper conception of time and space,