

good. The shrapnel and shell wounds are those from which the Allies suffer.

The rifle bullet, if it does not kill, usually inflicts a wound that heals rapidly and with few complications. The friction of the bullets in the rifles and their high speed through the air renders them aseptic. When these bullets hit end-on they make a very small hole, and the tissues immediately fall together. In this way must be explained the many recoveries that follow abdominal wounds. It cannot be that the bullets pass between coils of the intestines and cause no perforations. In the case of the lungs, bullets may pass through these organs with impunity, and the recoveries are numerous and rapid. These bullets pass through the clothing and do not carry portions into the wounds. The emergency field dressing usually prevents infection.

The round ball of the shrapnel makes a very different sort of wound. These balls are not aseptic, they are round, they are projected at a comparatively low speed, and frequently remain embedded in the tissues instead of passing through them. They frequently carry clothing or other substances into the wounds. They also tear up the tissues much more seriously and leave an open surface for infection. The worst sort of wounds are those made by fragments of burst shells. Very few bayonet or sabre wounds are reported on the part of the Allies. One would almost expect a bayonet wound to be fatal, made as they are in the central portions of the body, and under the conditions of a bayonet charge.

The proportion of the wounded has been very heavy, and at first, this over-taxed the ambulance workers. Many lay on the field for a considerable time before any assistance reached them and their wounds became infected. This has now been overcome in a great measure. In their eagerness to render first aid, the surgeons have been close upon the firing line, and many of them have laid down their lives in the discharge of their duties. For a time at the commencement of the war tetanus was very prevalent. Efforts have been made with much success to lessen the frequency of this complication. The bravery of the doctors and nurses at the front has been so noteworthy as to merit for them the most unstinted praise.

NATURE'S CREATION FOR CONSUMPTION.

The proprietors of Nature's Creation, the medicine advertised as a cure for tuberculosis, were up in the Police Court recently on charges of knowingly publishing false statements in connection with the medicine.

Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson, Toronto's chief coroner, testified that