

Bovine in Consumption.

From the prevailing disbelief, which was almost a despair, the recent knowledge that consumption is curable is rapidly disseminating.

This is not due of any miraculous medical specific that has appeared, or ever will appear; nor to climate alone, for cases originate in California, Colorado, the Riviera, and the most noted resorts of the Swiss Alps; but it is accomplished by the rapid restoration of tissue-waste with nutrition that contains all the elements of the human body, in right proportions and ready for immediate assimilation, to enable the system to build faster than the malady can break down.

While it has been abundantly proven that the tubercle bacilli is often the means of perpetuating consumption, it never has been satisfactorily demonstrated that it is the sole cause of the disease. No doubt every human being in the civilized world is sooner or later exposed to this germ, but only a small minority are susceptible to its infection. The great majority are immune by virtue of normal vigor, normal nutrition, which does not furnish the nourishing nidus for this bacillus.

The long and feverish search for a drug that shall demonstrate its right to be called a specific has been, almost abandoned. The thousand and one alleged "cures" or specifics for consumption have all proved cruel delusions. Tuberculin is a sorry example. Creosote, cod liver oil, guaiacol, and all their derivations and modifications have signally failed. Recent searchers have confined their efforts mainly to the field of antagonizing serums, but instead of reaching favorable results, it looks as though the whole serum theory would, ere long, be abandoned as a mistake.

There is no positive cure for consumption outside of an element or influence that restores normal nutrition that enriches the blood and builds the tissues. This being accomplished, nature does the curing. The sooner we all accept this demonstrated fact that general vital recuperation, by whatever means it may be accomplished, is the only cure that is scientific that has ever been known or ever will be known, the less time we will lose in conducting the battle royal with this fatal scourge.

Patients who die of Tuberculosis starve to death. Those who recover from Tuberculosis are fed to health—cured by feeding. Feeding, however, is not necessarily nourishing, no more than eating is assimilating. Thousands of victims of this wasting disease starve with stomachs full, and plenty more within reach. There is no dearth of elegant and costly viands—it is availability they lack. They call for an exhibition of vito-chemic force which the consumptive's stomach does not