

Contagious and Infectious Diseases.

A practitioner opened the body of a woman who had died of puerperal fever, and continued to wear the same clothes. A lady whom he had delivered a few days afterward was attacked with and died of a similar disease; two more of his lying-in patients, in rapid succession, met with the same fate. Struck by the thought that he might carry the contagion in his clothes, he instantly changed them, and met with no more cases of the kind. A woman in the country, who was employed as washerwoman and nurse, washed the linen of one who had died of puerperal fever; the next lying-in patient she nursed died of the same disease; a third nursed by her met with the same fate, till the neighborhood, getting afraid of her, ceased to employ her. The disease had occurred in some wards of a hospital, the others being free from it; but after ventilating, cleansing, and painting these wards, they became as healthy as the others. Facts such as these have long led to the suspicion that the disease might be communicated from one lying-in woman to another in the clothes of the practitioner or nurse, or the furniture of a tainted chamber.

The National Health Society of England recently issued a circular entitled, "How to keep Typhoid Fever out of houses." Embraced in the circular were the following statements and rules—

Facts.—Sewer gas, while escaping into a house, will, under certain circumstances, produce typhoid fever; but it will in all cases create an unwholesome atmosphere, causing feeble health, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, etc., in those who stay much indoors. Typhoid fever poison enters houses through openings into sewers or cesspools, or through foul drinking water. The pipes through which typhoid fever can enter are the discharge and waste pipes of each sink, water-closet, and bath or the overthrow pipes of the water cisterns.

Practical Rules.—1. All discharge pipes should be thoroughly trapped. 2. If overflow pipes or sinks, baths, etc., open into discharge pipes, they must enter above the trap. 3. The connection of the house drain with the sewer should always be trapped. 4. Every water-closet pipe should be ventilated into the open air from below the trap of the closet. 5. The waste pipe of the cistern should in every case, without any exception, be carried direct into the open air. 6. Rainwater pipes should not be connected with sewers, but should end in the open air, over or near a gully trap; the same remark holds good in regard to sink pipes, wherever practical. 7. Thus, if possible, no pipe but the discharge pipe of the closet should be connected with the sewer.—*Medical Record.*

EDUCATION.—A writer on National Education in the United States, in *The London Quarterly Review*, gravely concludes that it does not offer a desirable precedent. "There is nothing, assuredly," he says, "in the results of American free-school education to encourage us in this country to adopt so costly an experiment. Neither as to efficiency, nor attendance, does it promise for us any improvement; and as respects compulsion, we have seen how absolutely mythical is the idea that the United States have mastered, or even attempted to grapple with that problem. Boston may have its truant officers; New York City a compulsory law, which from the first has been absolutely a dead letter; Rhode Island and Connecticut may be in the infancy of an attempt to carry out a degree and extent of compulsion which would be futile and ridiculous in this country. New York State may have lately passed the remarkable law to which we have directed attention, but over the great breadth of the States no attempt whatever has been made even on paper, and no practical attempt has been made in any great city, except Boston, and even there waifs and strays still defy the law and the truant officers. Meantime we can not fail to connect the principle of free education with that weakening of parental influence, and that perilous depreciation not to say contempt, of family responsibilities and duties, which are at this moment the most painful and portentous symptoms in connection with the fast and ambitious social life of the States."

NEWS NOTES.

The Black Hills are full of grasshoppers as well as Indians.

Brooklyn is becoming notorious of late for murders.—*N. Y. Herald.*

Olive Logan thinks that the press of America is "bribed to encompass her downfall."

The people of the mountain counties of Kentucky are said to be in a most destitute condition on account of the failure of crops for three seasons. An appeal is made for assistance.

A Boston newspaper carrier makes his rounds on a velocipede, and before the honest watchdog is fairly aware of his presence he is shooting down the street a quarter of a mile away.

Mr. Herbert, who sued General Butler for \$10,000, and didn't get a cent, despondently observes that, if he is not very much mistaken, the country is going to everlasting smash.

They have a religious "ragged edge" affair in St. Louis, the minister's wife and her paramour, a nice young man in the choir, having been repeatedly followed to an assignation house.

German pilgrims are flocking to Rome and some of them are said to be very queer looking birds, such as even the Eternal City has rarely seen the like of before. They are from the rural nooks and out-of-the-way corners of the Fatherland.

One million two hundred thousand pounds of honey from a single county seems prodigious for an industry only about three years old. Yet this is what San Diego county, California, claims.

The Tennessee express robbery is being tried, and excites much attention, as the penalty for highway robbery in that State is death. The only way to save the life of the accused is to bring in a verdict of murder.—*Cincinnati Times.*

BREVITIES.

A good throw at dice is to throw them away.

The difference—Men grow mellow in their cups; women get tight in their corsets.

Success has a great tendency to conceal and throw a veil over the evil deeds of men.

Weariness can snore upon the flint, when restive sloth finds the downy pillow hard.

Truth is the shortest and nearest way to our end, carrying us thither in a straight line.

"Everything," said Epictetus, "has two handles. Beware of the wrong one."

The streets are much less crowded since the contracted skirts fashion came in.

"Unmanned by the loss of her husband," is the latest style of indicating a widow's grief.

"Correctly" does not seem like a hard word, but every failure at a spelling match is said to occur from not being able to spell correctly.

A bachelor made a will leaving his property to the girls who had refused him. "For to them I owe all my earthly happiness."

We don't mind recording the deaths of people without being paid for our trouble, but panegyrics on the dead must be paid for. We positively cannot send people to heaven for nothing.—*Ex.*

A countryman in Savannah, observing a gang of negroes laboring on the streets, each wearing a ball and chain, asked one why the ball was chained to his leg. "To keep people from stealing it. Heap of thieves about here."

It was twelve o'clock at night when Mr. Berger, of Macon, Georgia, discovered a colored parson in his stable untying a horse, and the preacher only observed, "Jess what I said all de time, Master Berger, your hoss is bay, sure enuff, an' 'at 'spute between me and Brudder Jackson is settled."

The longest night in Norway lasts three months, and when a man goes to see his girl, her mother, before retiring, tells her not to ruin her health by sitting up half the night. The young man manages to tear himself away about midnight.—*Norristown Herald.*

"Did you like the sermon, love?" asked a pious wife of a heathen husband on their way home from church. "Well, my dear, to tell the truth," he said, "I didn't pay much attention to the sermon, but,

from the sweet expression of the parson's face, I should say he was a man who wouldn't have to be asked twice to take a drink."

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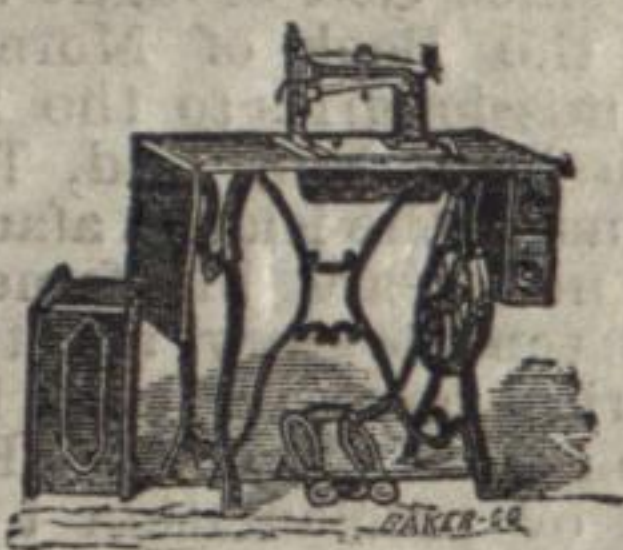
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JOHN H. HOUGAARD,

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