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Sir Edwin Arnold's Views on Cholera.

MONTREAL, Sept. 8th .- Sir Edwin Arnold in an interview here said:-"Now you have me right at home, and if you have time I can talk on this subject all night. Cholera is a phantom that frightens people, there is really no danger if people are healthy."

"Is there any fear of the cholera reaching Canada this year, or not?" he

was asked.

"Not the slightest. Dismiss that scare at once. The cholera bacillus can only exist at a temperature of 70 degrees, and certainly cannot withstand one Canadian frost. Nor can it lie dormant during the winter. If the cholera breaks out here next year it will be by fresh importations from an infected centre, and not from any germs that come here now. But tell me why are you so afraid of cholera? It is only under exceptional circumstances that a strong, healthy man can take cholera. Don't drink milk or water unless it has previously been boiled, and keep your stomach well acidulated. Take five drops of hydrochloric acid in half a cup of hot ten and you can walk unharmed in the midst of cholera. It is not onehalf as deadly as either consumption or bronchitis. Do you know the action of the action of the cholera bacillus? It can only exist and flourish when the bowels are enfeebled by diarrhoea. As long as the ordinary mucus coating is on the bowels the bacillus is powerless for harm. But when the bowel is denuded of this covering the number of bacilli can shear off the velvety surface and thus permit the serous portion of blood to ooze into the bowel. This is what forms the characteristic 'ricewater' discharge. The blood thus becomes thickened, the heart can no longer discharge its functions, and the patient dies of collapse. I have seen the blood as thick as treacle in the veins of men who have died of clolera. In India we have it always with us, because there the average temperature rarely falls under 80 degrees. In Japan the death rate fulls off with the cold weather. The first frost pinches the nose of the the cholera microbe. He is powerless for harm below 70 degrees. Asiatic cholera starts with painless but persistent diarrhoea; perhaps a few choleraic pains may supervene, and some patients have cran:ps in their legs. Then the 'rice-water' discharges set in, the blood becomes thickened, the eyes fall in, the lips become blue and cold and the features pinched. A deadly faintness supervenes, the heart can no longer propel the clotted blood through the arteries and the patient dies of collapse. But for ten people who die of cholcra, thirty die of sheer fear. Boil your milk and water, scald your vegetables and go about your business and you will never take cholera. Only the weakly and the dirty die of cholera. The cleanly, the strong and the brave can afford to laugh at it. It is a diseace of dirt and cowardice. Quarantine is all a bosh. You can't quarantine cholera. It will creep in through a key-hole. You can't guard against it, except by taking care of yourself and not being afraid of it. It is simply a question of temperature and cleanliness. Take my word for it, you will have no cholera in Canada this year, and if it does come you need not be afraid of it. Why, I am going straight back to London, and after that to Hamburg. I am not half as much afraid of cholera as I am of bronchitis."

Doctors Agree at Last.

If there is any one thing in the world on which the doctors seem to agree it is the proposition that cholera is generated by a specific infectious material which die manufacturer and machinist, Montcomes from India only. Professor Vir- real, has gone to England to arrangechow said that this proposition was so for the maunfacture there of a new shoefirmly established in Germany now that | sewing machine, which has been recently ion on the subject. The diffusion of claimed, will revolutionize the shoes whatever to the velocity or direction of every country in the world. the wind. In no instance whatever has an inland town or seaport without having | horizontally. After one has gazed upon cess. Of fourteen epidemics of cholera cips off a crisp turkey wing.

that have reached our quarantine static p at Grosse Isle all but four were prevented from reaching inland. When cholera . does overleap the quarantine barriers, the doctors say, the reason can always be traced without much difficulty. It has done so because of some neglect, criminal or criminally careless, on the part of some one connected with the cordon of health.

There is little doubt that the main channel of infection, the one through which cholera is generally disseminated, is drinking water, water which has be n contaminated by the specific germs of the disease. The specific cause is thus taken into the alimentary canal, and acts directly upon the parts that are tobe affected. Given pure drinking water, and half of the danger is gone, but there are still other ways by which the poison may be spread if the authorities give it a chance to start.

You cannot catch cholera any more than you can that devil's offspring, typhoid fever, merely by poverty, filth, crowding and depression of spirits, all of which have been named as predisposing causes, though you can materially aid its progress by means of them. The same holds true of all contaminating diseases. Anything which tends to weaken the constitution opens the doors to infection. Drunkards, therefore, are ni a better state to receive infection than men of abstemious habits, but the fact that they drink but little water is an element of safety to gentlemen of convivial habits. Still there is the happy mean of mineral waters. But it is not bad water alone which is friendly to the disease. Bad air is a great help. Insalubrity of climate gives the epidemic a big boost. The rich never are affected in any like proportion to the poor. And in battling with the disease the doctors have always found that they made no material progress until they had improved the hygenic conditions of the . people who were suffering.

The Ohlsdorf Cemetery.

A Hamburg correspondent describes the Ohlsdorf cemetery and the route thither, the latter forming a holiday resort. He says of this approach :-" It is now shunned except by an unending procession of hearses. Already 6,000 bodies have been buried in the cemetery since the outbreak. Two hundred grave diggers are working at increased wages day and night. The bodies were buried en masse in trenches -broad ones for rough pine coffins and narrow for painted coffins. Flaring petroleum lights are dotted over the cemetery at night. A great number of corpses are lodged in huts in the cemetery. The march from the hearse to the grave proceeds with decorum in the day time, but briskly all night, when there is no religious ceremony of any kind. Generally there is a line of hearses halt a mile long waiting."

There are 800 bath houses in Tokio, ... Japan, in which a bath can be had forone cent.

Lucan, Middlesex county, boasts of a brother and two sisters whose ages united amount to 270 years.

The Roman Catholics of Winnipeg have decided to carry on their separate school by private subscription.

Fifteen people were killed and 40 seriously injured in a collision near West Cambridge, Mass., Saturday night. At Winston, N.C., on Saturday, Min-

nie Merrick, a female lion-tamer, was probably fatally injured by one of her pets at a circus.

The longest canal in the world is the one which extends from the frontier of China to St. Petersburg. It measures in all 4,472 miles.

Mr. Thomas Hocking, the well-know you could scarcely get a dissenting opin- invented in Montreal, and which, it is the poison material has no reference business. The machine is patented in

A 110 too saw is calculated to cut its rate of progress exceeded that of a through almost anything, even through man on land or water, nor has it ever a nickel-steel armour plate; and for just taken a direction different from com- this use has the gigantic saw been made mercial or military movements. On for the Homestead mill, Pittsburg, at a land it has crept from place to place. cost of \$35,000. The blade of the saw and though it has sometimes seemed to is seven and one-half feet in diameter. overleap the sea it has never invaded being geared from above and revolving first been brought there from a point | the buge steel carpenter's tool, he little already affected with the disease. More wonders to see it slice off an angular than this, experience has proven that it | slab of cold nickel-steel, weighing about can generally be quarantined with suc- a dozen tons, as easily as a carving knife