

### IS CONSUMPTION CONTAGIOUS?

Startling Facts About the Disease—How to Avoid Catching It.

In view of the fact that consumption is the most destructive of any of the diseases to which flesh is heir in Europe and America, causing from 16 to 20 per cent. of the deaths that occur, the question, "Is Consumption Contagious?" which Dr. Clapp, of the Boston University School of Medicine, has chosen for the title of a volume in which he maintains the affirmative with great cogency and calmness, and with an array of evidence that is very impressive, is one of immediate and startling interest. After premising that he uses the words phthisis and tuberculosis synonymously with consumption, and the word contagious in the broad sense of communicable, transmissible or catching, Dr. Clapp gives a historical sketch of the opinions that have prevailed on the subject from the earliest times, from which it appears that almost all the celebrated medical writers, from Hippocrates (400 B.C.), Aristotle (380 B.C.) and Galen (A.D. 180), down to 1780, shared the belief that consumption is, to a certain extent at least, contagious. But about a hundred years ago a reaction set in against this hitherto almost universal belief, though the old belief, somewhat modified, never lost its hold—the celebrated Drs. Cullen, of Edinburgh, Reid and Heberden, of London, Rush, of Philadelphia, and Darwin, the author of "The Botanic Garden," and his son Charles, among other eminent men, still adhering to it. It is proper to say, however, that later in life Dr. Rush announced that his views on the subject had changed, and maintained that, except in rare cases, it is not proper to ascribe the causation of consumption to contagion. During the early part of the present century opinion was divided on the subject among the most eminent physicians, the majority denying that consumption is contagious, although even those who held the negative most firmly quite generally admitted that greater precaution should be observed than was usually exercised by attendants upon consumptive patients, especially by nurses, husbands and wives; that extreme caution should be observed in the use of garments and mattresses which consumptives had used; and that the same bed, or even the same sleeping apartment, should not be occupied by two persons, one of whom was known to labor under pulmonary consumption. Within a few years, however, renewed attention has been given to the subject, and as a result of a series of close scientific investigations, conducted by men of admitted high qualifications, the medical profession, including some of the most eminent pathologists—notably Professors Cohnheim, of Leipzig; Schuppel, of Tubingen; Chauveau, of Lyons, and Dr. Villemin, of Paris, and Marcet and Andrew Clark, of London—largely adopting the conclusion that consumption may be contracted from persons who have it by inhalation of the germs of the virus, by swallowing them in food, by inoculation, and by eating the flesh or drinking the milk of animals suffering from phthisis or tuberculosis. Dr. Clapp supports this conclusion by a number of reports of illustrative cases furnished in this country and abroad, and by a summary of the results of the experiments of a number of eminent investigators. He also has an interesting chapter showing the possibility that tuberculosis may be transmitted by means of the food—especially beef and milk—we consume. The practical importance of the subject may secure the following: 1. That no person, particularly if young, should be allowed to sleep in the same bed, or even in the same room, with a consumptive. 2. That no person should be allowed to remain for too long a time in too close or too constant attendance on a consumptive. 3. That ventilation, as perfect as possible, should be secured. 4. That the most rigid inspection of all the meat that comes into our markets, particularly at the slaughter-houses, and of all the cows which furnish milk, by competent and trustworthy officials, should be insisted upon as essential to the public safety.—Harper's Monthly.

### THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST.

#### Not so Much of a Marriage Boom After All.

CRIME IN WINNIPEG—OTHER NEWS

Sixty immigrants arrived at Montreal on Thursday en route to Manitoba. The Canada Methodists are building a third church in Winnipeg. As much as \$400 has been paid for lots three miles away from the business centre of Winnipeg. The Kennedy family are expected in Winnipeg about the middle of April to perform for a week. A train left Montreal over the Great Western Railway on Thursday morning for Winnipeg. Some 150 persons were on board, all from Quebec.

During the late storm the fort most dreaded in Winnipeg was fire. Fortunately no conflagration occurred. Had fire broken out in the northern part of the city while the storm was raging it would almost certainly have been swept out of existence. A gentleman who was purchasing horses in Toronto and vicinity to ship to Winnipeg received a letter a few days since stating that there were 1,700 horses in the market there unsold. The majority of them were from the Ontario. He will send his stock to the Western States.

The salaries to be paid to the officers and men of the Northwest Mounted Police force, under Sir John Macdonald's Bill, are as follows: Commissioner of Police, \$2,600; assistant do, \$1,600; each superintendent, \$1,400; each inspector, \$1,000; each surgeon or assistant, \$1,400; each veterinary surgeon, \$700; staff constables, \$1.50 per day; other non-commissioned officers, \$1 per day; and constables 75c per day.

Mr. Thomas Walters, who keeps a hotel in Winnipeg, was in Toronto yesterday. He says that at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red Rivers a number of canvas hotels are being erected. One on Argyle street will be capable of holding a thousand people. The ordinary canvas hotel will be twenty by seventy feet, containing six hundred yards of duck.

The crush at the Winnipeg Post-office continues without intermission. Sacks of mail matter lie unopened for several days, though every one in the office is working double time. The registry office is not much better. The press of business is so great that the clerks look bewildered and weary. The Registrar himself looks utterly fatigued by the load of work and wealth he is earning, in addition to the hail-storm of fees that has showered upon him for the past ten months. He has been immensely successful as a speculator.

The special correspondent of the Dundee Advertiser sent to Manitoba thus writes: Canada, in comparison with the States, is eminently a religious country. The 8 o'clock bell ringing in Winnipeg on the Sunday morning reminded me of home. At the same time, though there is a difference between the American and Canadian, there is an American tone about many of the people. I saw an advertisement in a shop window in Winnipeg to the following effect: "Boston egg soda; cool and refreshing. It goes down your throat fizzing like a firework. It will expand your lungs, throw out your chest, and cool your weary brow. It is the boss drink, and that's what's the matter. Be sure and not drink more than a gallon at a time."

A correspondent believes Winnipeg is a very well behaved community, all things considered. He says: With a floating population estimated at 13,000, of all ages and drawn from all classes of society, away from home associations and free from observation by the eye of society; with a hundred saloons in full blast; an almost entire absence of the refining influence of woman; a constant flow of speculation; ascending values, rapid fortunes making and every temptation to vice and foolishness; with all these provocations to disorder, there is very little drunkenness on the streets, and the criminal record is exceedingly small. Judge Dubuc commented forcibly on this point in his charge to the Grand Jury the other day. On the docket were only three forgery cases and one of assault upon an officer in the discharge of his duty. These forgeries arose from a wealthy young man being on a spree and associating with low characters.

A gentleman living in Ottawa is having wooden houses constructed in sections, of a size admitting their transportation on ordinary flat cars. These sections, which are to be built in that city, are to be taken to Winnipeg or other places in Manitoba, and erected there on lots, some of which are owned by the speculator, and others, which are to be rented. The project appears to be feasible enough, and as lumber and labor are both much cheaper here than in Manitoba, and the cost of transport reasonable, there is no reason why the speculation should not prove a paying one. The parts are to be substantially built, and on arriving at their destination a few hours' work will put them together, and the oak pins with which the sections are joined, are easily driven. It is calculated that in one and a half days a dwelling 18x20, with kitchen 12x14 attached, can be put in readiness for occupation.

A Winnipeg correspondent says: The young lady teachers at the recent Provincial Convention looked particularly smart, and were so attractive that it failed me to account for their being unmarried. Talking about the marriage boom, as it is called, there is a good deal of humbug talked. There are plenty of unmarried and marriageable men, and a plentiful absence of eligible partners, but there is a more plentiful absence still, and that is of house accommodation. Most marriageable men are content if they can double up with a companion of their own sex, and the owners of rooms, knowing that they can secure a bigger rent from two men than from a married couple, resolutely refuse to let their spare apartments to any but single men. So if there be any adventurous maidens packing up their Saratoga pastory to a descent upon this husband preparatory, they had better suspend operations unless their trunks be large enough to locate as a residence upon a vacant lot. The kitchen and housemaids have a glorious time here, for they are practically their own mistresses, and easily command \$25 a month with board.

The telegraph work of England has now been very largely confided to women, and it is calculated that there cannot be less than 700 employed at the Central Office. The staff of the Telegraph Clearing House Check Branch, which supervises the whole telegraphic work of the Kingdom and acts as a check upon all the clerks in the department, is exclusively composed of women, to whom is also intrusted the entire financial business. Certain branches of the Savings Bank Department are also in their hands, as well as the Dead Letter Office. The number who apply whenever a vacancy occurs is enormous. None of the more important offices have yet been filled by women, who, it is thought, are better officiated by thoroughly competent men.

With a view to the fitness of things the St. Thomas City Council have selected "Mount Misery" as the site for a pest house.

### A HEROIC RESCUE.

#### Courageous Act of a Toronto Policeman, WHO SAVES TWO CHILDREN FROM THE FLAMES.

A report from Toronto this (Friday) afternoon says: At 1.30 this morning Policeman McKee noticed a bright light in Daniel O'Connell's one-storey frame house at 87 Jarvis street, opposite Lombard. The shrieking of children at the same time fell upon his ears, and he ran over to the place only to find it in flames. The officer kicked in the door, when a mass of fire burst out. Through the flames he saw two little children running wildly about in their night-clothes and crying they knew not what. To dash through the fire, pick the little ones up in his strong arms and rush out into the back yard was the work of a minute, and McKee did it in less than that time. O'Connell and his two other children had got out a few seconds before. The policeman re-entered the burning building, but finding no other person there he ran down to the corner of King and Jarvis streets and rang an alarm. The Court street firemen were on hand in less than three minutes, being quickly followed by other sections of the brigade. The house being small and only one storey high it was not difficult to get at the flames, which were speedily extinguished. The contents were more or less injured by fire and water, and the house was pretty well damaged. O'Connell sold a World reporter that the property was owned by the Blairs and said he had no insurance. He was smoking a short clay pipe and somewhat under the influence of liquor. When questioned as to the origin of the fire he says the "childer" must have capsized the lamp, while he was asleep in bed. This is a very improbable story, as the little ones were undressed and looked as if they had just got out of bed, while O'Connell himself had all his clothes on when Officer McKee saw him in the back yard. Those who heard his story came to the conclusion that he was the "childer" who upset the lamp.

#### Dangers of Sewer Gas.

It is strange that the sanitary condition of so many of the great houses in England should be so defective. Yet such is unfortunately the fact. The sudden removal of the Duchess of Connaught from Bagshot Park to Windsor was due to the presence of some symptoms of sewer-gas poisoning. For some weeks offensive smells had been detected about the mansion, and several of the inmates had suffered from obscure forms of indisposition. Her Royal Highness had made an excellent convalescence for nearly three weeks after her confinement, when she developed symptoms which were thought to depend on blood-poisoning. It was discovered on examination that a careless workman had severed a soil-pipe, which then discharged itself under the hall, and emitted a continuous stream of sewer-gas into the house.

#### Lord Byron, in reference to a beautiful lady, wrote to a friend: "Lady—has been dangerously ill, but now she is dangerously well again." American belles, when attacked by any of the ills that flesh is heir to may be kept killing and avoid being killed by taking Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription," which banishes feminine weaknesses and restores the bloom of health. By all druggists.

"The wise man," remarks the Chicago Tribune, "makes no attempt to do the training act after marriage, but allows himself to be trained, submitting gracefully, as he does to death and the tax-gatherer. Knowing that it is impossible to work his wife up to a certain model which is his ideal, he determines to let his wife do that work for him, and however inconvenient it may be at times he is the happier for it, appears better for it, passes muster in society and is held up as an exemplar for refractory husbands who kick in the harness or have the temerity to dispute authority."

The liver may well be called the scapegoat of ignorance, since most of the ills that flesh is heir to have been attributed to liver complaint. Torpidity of this organ, with headache, biliousness, constipation and irritation of the kidneys and bladder are only results of that protean disease, dyspepsia, and Dr. Whizzler's Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Calissaya will cure the most obdurate of that class of affections by invigorating the digestive apparatus.

The London World speaks of a wonderful preparation from the eucalyptus plant, which is said to be marvellously effective in cases of consumption and particular phases of lung disease. It is the invention of the Hon. Wyndham Stanhope, who is at present residing in Madeira for the benefit of his health.

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Millais, the painter, who is an enthusiastic sportsman, has just taken the fishings and shootings of the estate of Sir Douglass Stewart, in Perthshire, at a rent of \$3,500 a year.

There was a young man so well bred That the hair would not stay on his head, — Put the Carboline oil, — Put new hair on the soil, And now with an heiress he's wed.

### Sleeping Like a Top.

"How did you sleep last night, Michael?" "Like a top, sure." "That was good for you." "Indeed it wasn't, for I was turnin' around and around all the night from the cough I caught yesterday afternoon by standing up to my knees in the snow and water." "I can cure that for you easy enough. Get a bottle of Dr. Wilson's Pulmonary Cherry Balsam. It cures everything like that." This is the way this remedy is recommended. During the unsettled weather of the spring and fall it is especially useful to have it on hand. A bottle should always be on the shelf. A disease which in a few months would result fatally by it would be cured at the very beginning, and endless expense and suffering saved, and, what is more important, perhaps a life.

#### Incidents of the Great Deluge.

A Sikeston (Mo.) despatch says: Many moving incidents by flood and field, especially by flood, are reported. On February 27th two houses containing a number of hogs floated down stream. One funeral by skills took place, the procession moving down Main street to the high lands on Judge Aiken's farm, the victim being a little daughter of Mrs. M. S. Stone. At Point Pleasant below Mr. Bishop was put down stairs into his dining room and found a large buffalo fish, which he captured and used for breakfast.

#### A Common Accident.

Mr. Henry T. Bates, Springfield, N.B., gives an account of an accident through jumping from a carriage. This occurred some months ago, and the injury was so severe that until recently he was laid up and unable to walk without a crutch. He ultimately was cured by the use of two bottles of Dr. Dow's Sturgeon Oil Liniment. It would be interesting if it were possible to trace out the suffering and the loss occasioned during three months that might have been prevented by the use of Dr. Dow's Liniment at the beginning of the improvement instead of at the end. Such cases as these show the value of this really excellent remedy.

#### Land Sales at Prince Arthur's Landing.

The Manitoba Free Press has the following: "Bowerman & Co. sold to F. S. Nugent, Toronto, part of Lots 3 and 4, Arthur street, with store, Prince Arthur's Landing, for \$3,100. The same firm sold to Mr. Nugent Lot 4, Arthur street, Prince Arthur's Landing, for \$500. R. J. Sproule bought from the same firm 320 acres in township 14, range 20 west, for \$1,600. The same firm also sold lot 8, south side, Arthur street, Prince Arthur's Landing, for \$2,500. J. S. Deacon bought from same firm lot 2, North Water street, Prince Arthur's Landing, for \$4,000."

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#### The Story of a Terrible Crime.

A despatch from Annapolis, Wis., says: Jacob Kozins, who formerly worked on the farm of John Goettinger, near here, states that in 1878 Goettinger, his wife and Mrs. Blainok, his daughter, quarrelled in a hayfield. Mrs. Blainok struck a pitchfork in him, and Mrs. Goettinger struck him with a fork on the head. They then held him down and covered him with hay. That night Blainok and wife took the body to the house, threw it in and burned the house. Blainok threatened to kill Kozins if he said anything about the affair, and Kozins swore to a lie at the inquest.

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