

## WHITE PLAGUE IN FRANCE.

Prevalence of Tuberculosis in Bakeries and Laundries.

Official reports show that 150,000 persons die of tuberculosis in France every year. Among 257 workmen kept under the careful observation and all living under practically the same conditions, the mortality from tuberculosis amounted to more than 30 per cent.

Laundry workers, however, were found to be the most seriously affected. From statistics made at certain districts in the neighborhood of Paris where laundries abound, the mortality from tuberculosis totalled 75 per cent.

The Paris bakers a few weeks ago formed an organization for the improvement of the conditions under which they have to work. It is stated authoritatively, says What to Eat, that despite the Governmental inspection of bakeries and the most modern hygienic apparatus, out of 400,000 bakers in Paris 240,000 suffer from tuberculosis.

## A PROGRESSIVE INSTITUTION.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the financial statement, which was submitted to the shareholders of the Imperial Bank at the annual meeting held on the 22nd of May. These statements were received with the greatest satisfaction, inasmuch as they reflected unmistakably the solidity attained and the progress achieved. The Bank now stands very high among our Canadian Banks, but it has not yet achieved that point of increased usefulness to all of which the directors are evidently determined it shall attain. This was shown by the recommendation embodied in the report that the subscribed capital of the Bank be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, which will place it on a par with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Toronto and the Royal Bank of Canada, all of which follow the Bank of Montreal.

The new capital stock will not be issued at once, but only as the directors may hereafter determine. We heartily agree with the statement contained in the report, that "the rapid development of the country necessitates increased banking facilities, which can be most economically and at the same time profitably supplied by the banks which are now in existence." In this connection we may urge upon Parliament that there is no necessity for new banks, and that all applications for incorporation should be absolutely refused. With the provision to increase the Bank's capital from time to time, as it may be needed it will be in a position to meet all public requirements, and to keep pace with the general improvement and development which is apparent all over the Dominion. It is cause for regret that the experienced and able general manager did not give an extensive review of the country's trade prospects, for these are always received with the greatest attention. Such a review would have been highly appreciated, but those who were wont to rely upon it as a guide and finger post will have to trust for better things next year. In the meantime, the Bank, which has a reserve fund equal to its total paid-up capital of \$4,773,948, will continue to enjoy and grow in the confidence of the public to such an extent that its total authorized capital will be paid up to meet the increasing demands upon its usefulness. The extent to which it enjoys public confidence is seen in the fact that its deposits amount to the large sum of \$31,928,099. These are protected by assets amounting to \$45,641,257. Of the latter no less a sum than that of \$18,878,042 are readily available. The financial statements will be read with renewed interest, in view of the forward steps which the Bank has under consideration.

## LOFTIEST OF MINES.

It is thought that the old Caylloma silver-mines in Peru are probably situated at a greater elevation than any other considerable mines in the world. Their altitude varies between 14,000 and 17,000 feet. They were worked by the Spaniards in the 16th century, and before that, it is believed, by the Incas. An English company is now preparing a hydroelectric plant for them. This plant will be situated at an altitude of between 15,000 and 16,000 feet. It will derive its power from a waterfall on the Santiago River, and in a dry season from Lake Huallacho, one of the sources of the Amazon. The power will be transmitted by cable about three miles. At the highest mines the pressure of the atmosphere is only 8½ pounds per square inch, and water boils 24° below the ordinary boiling-point.

Customer (to watchmaker)—"I told you that my watch lost half-an-hour every day, and now that you've repaired it, it gains half-an-hour." Watchmaker—"Well, don't complain. It's only working to catch up lost time."

The frigate bird of the tropics has a spread of wing of 10 feet to 12 feet, can travel 100 miles an hour, and is said by Mr. J. Lanester to be able to remain on wing for a week at a time.

Jones (with indignation)—"I hadn't been talking to that man Brown ten minutes when he called me a fool." Smith—"Ah! Took him ten minutes to find it out, did it?"

The Indian railways are now the cheapest in the world. The average charge for passengers is one-fifth of a penny per mile, and for goods a half-penny a ton per mile.

"This watch will last a lifetime," remarked the jeweller, as he handed the watch to the customer. "Nonsense!" retorted the other, "Can't I see for myself that its hours are numbered?"

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## STAMP SPOILED CAREER.

Inspector Groves Has a Remarkable Experience.

After an honorable service of nine years in the police force of Monmouthshire, England, during which he has risen from the position of constable to that of inspector, George Groves has just been forced to resign and finds his official career at an end, and the cause of it all is a penny stamp.

Inspector Groves joined the Monmouthshire police in 1896, and for the last four years has been stationed at Abercarn, a mining district which is by no means easily managed. By tact and courtesy, however, Groves won the whole-hearted confidence and esteem of the inhabitants, and feeling amongst them is intense over his degradation for that which is regarded as a trifling matter.

The penny stamp which made all the trouble was used by the inspector in posting a swine-fever license, to one Stuart Heaton, of Hall Farm, Worsley, near Manchester. This Heaton asked for to enable him to remove a pig to Blackwood, and as there was no stamped envelope enclosed in his letter, Groves asked, in forwarding the order, that the farmer should return a stamp to cover the postage, as he (Groves) had no other means of recovering the cost.

Shortly afterward he received a letter from Heaton saying that the chief constable was legally bound to defray all expenses of that kind, and that he was forwarding the letter to the board of agriculture. A little later Groves was asked to explain on whose authority and by what order, he had his name printed on the departmental paper and why he had asked for the return of the stamp. He explained that the paper had been printed six years ago and that he did not know it was wrong to have his name and rank thereon. He also stated that he was under the impression that he could not charge the postage to the county under the circumstances.

On Friday of last week he was ordered to attend Superintendent Porter's office at Risca, and was then told that the chief constable gave him the option of resigning, but if he declined he would be dismissed, and in either case his uniform must be sent in to the chief constable's office that day. He sent in his resignation.

At a protest meeting held at Abercarn it was stated that Inspector Groves had to leave his house at once, and the meeting unanimously decided to provide him with another house to live in.

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## INFORMATION.

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Biffkins—"I'd mention your indiscretion to the coroner at the inquest."

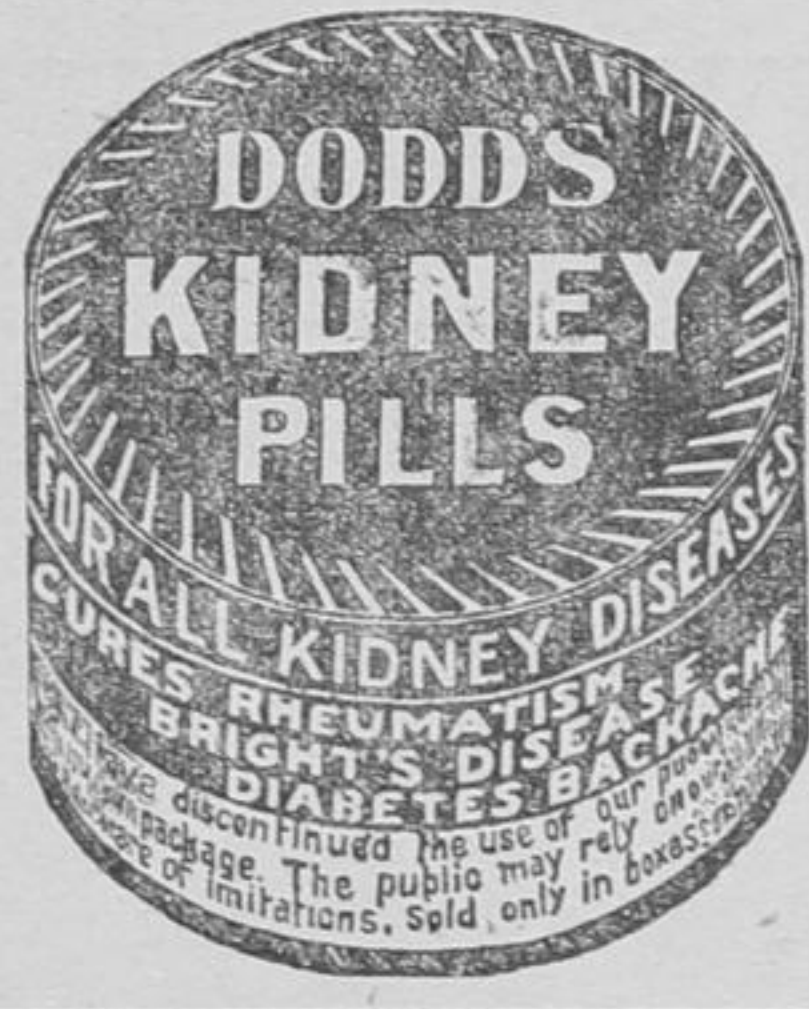
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## HIS GOOD FORTUNE FATAL.

It is possible to live long in melancholy and to die swiftly from joy. So it has proved with a Paris carpenter named Fernet. He had worked for years in a chronic state of melancholy, aggravated by want of money, and all the circumstances seemed to point to a long continuance of this condition of things, when suddenly, and quite outside the poor fellow's expectations, there came to him the news the other morning that he was the possessor by bequest of the to him large sum of \$10,000. Fernet almost went frantically with delight. His nerves stood the recurrence of thrills all day, but in the evening he got among the Longchamps cafes and was relating his luck for about the twentieth time when he fell dead.



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Great Things from Little Causes Grow.—It takes very little to derange the stomach. The cause may be slight, a cold, something eaten or drunk, anxiety, worry, or some other simple cause. But if precautions be not taken, this simple cause may have most serious consequences. Many a chronically debilitated constitution to-day owes its destruction to simple causes not dealt with in time. Keep the digestive apparatus in healthy condition and all will be well. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are better than any other for the purpose.

## LION FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

Young Surgeon Killed Beast, then Succumbed to His Own Wounds.

A young naval surgeon, belonging to a gunboat on Lake Nyassa, has recently lost his life after a severe struggle with an infuriated lion. Going out in search of elephants, which had been reported in the neighborhood, he came upon two lions, a male and a female, sleeping under the shade of a large mopani tree. With a double .500 express he fired at the male, wounding it severely, whereupon both retreated into high grass. Without taking the precaution to reload the discharged barrel he seems to have followed them, and in a few yards almost stumbled upon the one he had hit. Taking a hurried aim at the massive looking head, he fired an ineffectual shot, the bullet, as it was afterwards ascertained, merely penetrating the root of the animal's ear.

With a roar and a bound the lion was upon him, and, fixing his teeth in his shoulder, endeavored to bear him to the ground. The surgeon, however, a man of very powerful physique, pluckily endeavored to keep his antagonist at arm's length, but, maintaining its hold on the now useless shoulder, the lion with its hind claws literally tore the flesh from its opponent's lower limbs. They finally sank down together, and the lion, evidently very sick from the effects of the first wound, staggered off a short way and lay down. The unfortunate surgeon, rapidly bleeding to death, now called up his terror-stricken gunbearer, and, making him kneel to form a rest for the second rifle, actually shot the lion dead, succumbing himself almost immediately to the appalling hemorrhage from his torn arteries. The two dead bodies were found lying within a few yards of each other.

No person should go from home without a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial in their possession, as change of water, cooking, climate, etc., frequently brings on summer complaint, and there is nothing like being ready with a sure remedy at hand, which oftentimes saves great suffering and frequently valuable lives. This Cordial has gained for itself a widespread reputation for affording prompt relief from all summer complaints.

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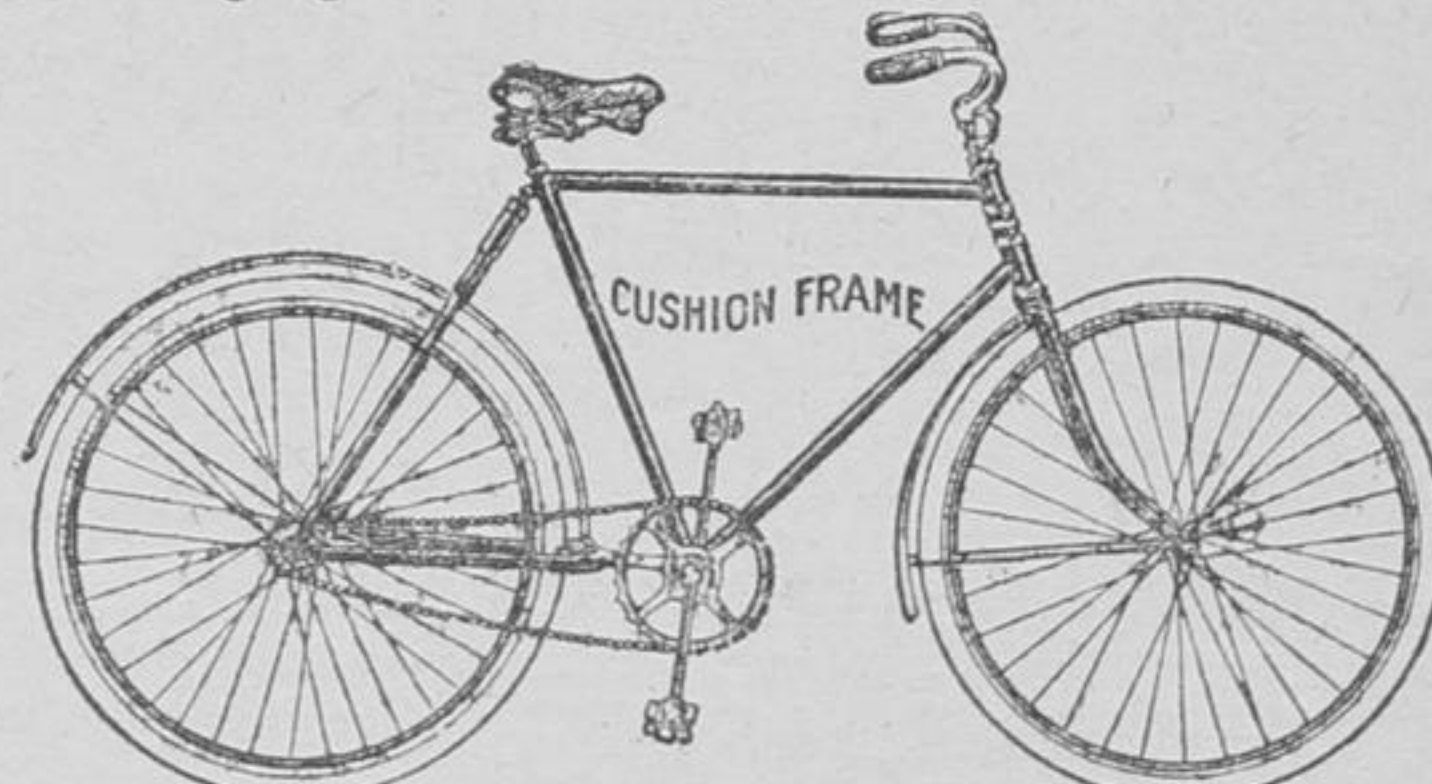
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