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How They Are Cared For During a Disease That Is Necessarily Fatal-Thirteen Hundred Human Beings Constitute the Leper Settlement of Kalaupapa-Men, Women and Innocent Bables. While Molokai is one of the largest

and most fertile of the Hawaiian isles, the narrow, lava covered strip of land devoted to the greatest pesthouse known to history is the most desolate and barren spot in all Hawaii. It is only a few hundred acres in extent, and the greater portion of the ground is strewn with sharp, flinty rocks of volcanic origin, writes a correspondposits of \$1 and upwards. Prompt

In the centre of the settlement rises abruptly an extinct volcanic cone, shaped like a huge punch bowl and known to the natives as "the bottomless pit." Soundings have thus far failed to reveal its depths. On three sides the waves of the Pacific break lulu, was found immaculately clean in and roar against its rock bound shore, every respect. The welfare of its fifty while from the land side rises a perpendicular wall of black lava, which, Order, who have devoted their lives tionery purposes;" "will not handle of 3,500 feet, shuts out from the hun- of the miserable condition of the leper it at all except on order "-all these gry eyes of the lepers a vista of girls of Molokai. beautiful valleys and rolling hills the sake of Christian charity may in a clothed in the magnificent green of a small degree be appreciated when it don to a Canadian newspaper man who "Yes, I have, and I have also visit es of waving golden sugar cane and see home or friends-that they must was interviewing them on the subject. groves of lordly palms, and trees heavy with fruit and flowers.

A NATURAL PRISON.

Kalaupapa is a natural prison, from which there is no escape, and as if DARRISTER, Solicitor, etc. Office over the very elements themselves had conspired with man to make the lot of the leper more uneadurable, the great black wall of lava, which stretches far out into the Pacific, attracts immense quantities of moisture, which, forming into clouds, pours upon the poor huts and cottages of the settlement an almost incessant deluge. At other times the fierce sun of the tropics is sending down his scorching rays.

This earthly heli, whose story of utter misery and despair would rival Dante's immortal work, I succeeded in reaching after many vain endeavors to obtain the necessary permission from atorand Licensed Auctioneer for the county of Grey. Sales promptly attended | the officers of the Hawaiian Republic, at last being compelled to adopt the unpleasant expedient of stowing away AMES CARSON, Durham, Licensed on the government steamer which Auctioneer for the County of Grey makes semi-annual trips to the settle-Land Valuator, Bailiff of the 2nd Division burt Sales and all other matters promptly | ment.

sttended to-highest references furnished From the deck of the steamer could be seen a large banner bearing the Hawaiian word of welcome, "Aloha." JOHN QUEEN, ORCHARDVILLE, has The Hawaiian leper is patient in misresumed his old business, and is prepar ery, and has come to look upon these ed to loan any amount of money on real state Old mortgages paid off on the visits as messages from another world mostliberal terms. Fire and Life Insur--the world he can never hope to see meseffected in the best Stock Companies

The rough and dangerous passage from ship to shore is made in stout The "Chronicle" is the only boats, and then over planks strung Pige Local Newspaper in from rock to rock, which enjoy the dignity of being called a wharf.

WELCOMED BY THE LEPERS. ing from the gaze of our party as we advanced up the plank wark. Under a protecting shed stood the famous Dysentery afew doses leper band of Molokai, splitting the air with discordant sounds, their withering fingers working out the strains of "Hawaii Ponoi," the national anthem of a dead kingdom. As we neared OF WILD STRAWthem that expression of tender greeting among the natives which adorned the banner, "Aloha! Aloha!" was BERRY will promptly wafted to our ears in the soft music of the Hawaiian tongue.

check the advance of Before us stood hundreds of human beings, with their bodies distorted out of all semblance to human shape. Men, these dangerous diswomen and children in all stages of the awful disease were there, and the sight was one too sad and pitiful ever to be forgotten.

A woman came timidly forward. A few years ago she was the belle of her native village. Her figure was still trim, but, like the majority of the lepers of Molokai, the fingers and toes had shrunken and fallen away. With her was a baby boy, six weeks old, and to all appearances in a perfectly healthy condition, its skin as pure and clean as if the parents possessed no taint of the dread disease.

Before this child is twelve months old, and if no sign of leprosy is present, it will be ruthlessly torn from its mother's arms and sent to the retention home conducted by the Sisters in Honolulu. She can never gaze upon Always cook fresh fruits in boiling its face again, although under this wo-Mater; generally but a small amount man's breast beats a heart full of motherly tenderness and love.

WITH HEALTHY CHILDREN. the acid is converted into glucose, and child born of leprous parents, sets at les of the fiving defiance all the advanced theories religious discussions discussi will require nearly twice as much garding leprosy as a contagious dis"Farewell!" "Farewell!" the fruit if the same sweetness to ease. At the Sisters' home in Honothe fruit if added before cooking as it lulu I saw scores of these children of will if added before cooking as it lulu I saw scoles of the one the other when the fruit is done. all ages who showed no signs of the which won do in the fruit is done. all ages who showed age of twentywhich you desire to keep whole, sugar one they are set free, perhaps to hand added to the fruit will aid in this di
disease. At about the age of the first is one is one they are set free, perhaps to hand there is nothing like a bunch of keys to develop one's memory. Now I have to develop one's memory, and I

Fruit, in cooking, should not be al- versation with Brother Dutton, of the the right one when I have occasion to Wed to boil hard, as hard boiling de- Home for Boys on Molokai, who has use it. troys its flavors by excessive evap- been at the settlement for twelve What years, I was told that the doctors "had simply given up trying." Leprosy strung on there for? One of its strangest characteristics but I've forgotten what it was.

is that in outward appearance leprosy affects no two persons alike. You will find one man stunted in stature, another grown to gigantic size; on one the skin turned to an inky black, while another may be white, or red, or copper colored. Strange to say, leprosy rarely kills. Those afflicted usually die from other complaints, many surviving its ravages until old age, becoming horribly disfigured as time rolls on, and several have lived and suffered for more than one hundred

The superintendent's home is large, neat, airy cottage, surrounded by beautiful lawns and flowering plants, enclosed by a sharp picket fence, where the miserable lepers may not enter-an oasis in a desert of lava, over which are scattered the lonely cottages and huts of the afflicted.

LEPERS' HOME LIFE. Each member of the party was sup-

plied with a sturdy little island horse, and following a tortuous trail through a village of small cottages and buts there we came across a neat, well kept cottages, but most of the dwellings were filthy beyond description.

erected by a worthy citizen of Hono-

The Mother Superior has been at the settlement for fifteen years and the other Sisters for about five years.

honor of the visitors. It was touch- gard to butter. ing to see the unquestioning faith and Mr. William Gunn, of the firm of place in these good women.

Bishop Home that the peculiar leonine ed to expression of the face which attaches itself to certain cases of leprosy was most marked. The head swells to almost twice its natural size, the skin hangs in heavy folds about the face, while the eyes, small, bloodshot and receding, look like those of a beast of prey. The whole, framed in a mass of tawny hair, takes on a faithful likeness of the lion-tired, but patient, under years of captivity.

FATHER DAMIEN'S GRAVE.

A short distance from the Bishop Home stands a monument to Father Damien, the heroic priest who gave up his life for the lepers of Molokai. Father Damien's grave is in the grounds of the chapel erected by him, near the Baldwin Home for Boys, on the far side of the settlement. Here a monument has been erected by the devoted brothers who are continuing the good work instituted by Father Damien. This spot is almost a shrine of worship for the lepers. The Baldwin Home for Boys, at

Kalawao, at the extreme end of the settlement, like the Bishop Home for Girls, was erected from funds donated by a kind hearted citizen of Honolulu. Here again it was shown that kindly, humane and intelligent treatment goes a long way in making the lot of the poor leper less dreary.

Everything about the home was scrupulously clean, and it was open to the fullest inspection. Brother Dut-The miserable colonists had gather- ton told me his great concern was to ed about in little groups, half shrink- keep the boys engaged in some occupation or amusement all the time.

"I do not give them time to think of their present condition or the barren future which confronts them," he "They study a little, work a little, play a little and pray a little, and when evening comes they enjoy that blessed sleep which places the ploughman on a level with his king." Here is also located the hospital for those lepers who have become bedridden through the disease.

COMPLAINTS LISTENED TO.

Early in the afternoon the investigation committee sat in state in the barnlike hall of the settlement and listened to complaints of the lepers. One case was of more than passing interest. It was a charge brought by the committee against several of the lepers who, at the risk of their lives, had put to sea in open boats and succeeded in rowing to a fertile portion of the island and securing a store of taro root, from which the natives make their poi. The case was dismissed when it was shown that many of the lepers might have starved had it not been for their action.

It is the simple, abiding, all sufficient faith instilled into the minds of these miserable persons by the noble men and women who have devoted their lives to helping the poor, friendless lepers, and in part, too, that patience which is a strong characteristic of the Hawaiian character, that enables them to carry almost cheerfully

their terrible burden of suffering. A great crowd of lepers was at the wharf to see us off, and as we rowed This caprice of leprosy, a healthy away from this "living tomb" the voicchild born of leprous parents, sets at es of the living dead followed us, cry-

HIS MEMORY.

I tell you, Mr. Billus was saying, Leprosy has completely baffled the twenty-seven keys on this ring, and I Ind preventing its falling to pieces. World of medical science, and in con-

What have you got that brass button Um-that was put there by my wife trifling thing I was to get for her,

EXPORTS INCREASE ABOUT 1,000 PER CENT. IN SIX YEARS.

What Should Be Done to Secure the Principal Business With Great Britain-Interview With a Prominent London Butter Importer.

Some six years ago British butter importers, those of London especially, looked askance upon shipments of Canadian butter, and, in fact, it was matter of difficulty to find any one who had a good word to say for it. why Canada should not take as good To mention Canadian butter to a London importer in a large way was to touch upon a grievance, and complaints and attendant queries induced were Kingdom, and she possesses every pos-"The butter was of a distinctly in-

we had full opportunity to observe the ferior quality;" "the tubs in which home life of the lepers. Here and it was packed were ill-suited in every way for the trade when compared with the 56-pound cube boxes in which but-The Bishop Home for Leper Girls, ter was sent from New Zealand and Victoria;" "the packing in paper was a bad system, and in a great many or sixty inmates is looked after by cases, further deteriorated the quality and many more remarks were uttered What the Sisters have sacrificed for in the autumn of 1893 by wholesale but- have seen the system of butter manulive and die on this barren lava plain. The importers further asked what the to say that those of the Dominion com-Canadians were about that they did not see the natural advantages they The girls are instructed in needle- possessed for manufacturing a good arwork, music and other womanly ac- ticle, and also why it was that Cancomplishments, and a really meritori- ada, having worked up such a trade ous concert was rendered by them in in cheese, should not do the same in re-

dependence these poor, disfigured girls | Campbell, Shearer & Co., butter importers, of London, who is at present It was among the inmates of the in this country, in an interview allud-

THE GREAT CHANGES in the same which have taken place

since the period above mentioned. packages of butter exported to Great as such." Britain by Canada in 1893 the quantity "I would say, then, that it is the had increased to a total of some 350,000 duty of this country to try and be packages last year-nearly ten times at the head of butter-exporting counthe export in 1893, while up to the pre- tries, as it is at the head of cheesesent this year the quantity of butter exporting countries. To do this she already exported shows a material in- must aim at securing a uniform good crease over the quantity exported up quality and endeavor that the export to the corresponding date of last year." shall not merely consist of the best that every one interested in commer- bulk of a medium grade, but that the cial matters is aware that this great whole be of a very high standard of increase in the export of Canadian but- quality. In order to attain to this ter is due to the inauguration of a bet- pitch of perfection, the animals must ter system of manufacture, the estab- be above even the suspicion of disease, lishment of a refrigerator service for the sheds and stables must be always transportation by both sea and land, scrupulously clean, and the pasture careful selection and supervision of the and water both of good quality. Uncows, well-appointed dairies, and the der these circumstances, with the othuse of up to date appliances that in er advantages, the country possesses 1893 were conspicuous by their ab- in respect to transportation, applisence. Mr. Gunn, however, who is in ances and cold storage facilities, there a position to know all the ins and outs is no reason to doubt that the export round improvement, does not think will continue to increase, and that ulit can do in the matter.

'that the quality of Canadian butter of cheese has done already."

is far from being perfect as yet. The Canadian product at present compares very favorably with that of Austria and New Zealand, and in some instances is not to be excelled, realising in the English market prices equal to those given for the very best Dan-

THE UNIFORM QUALITY.

however, must be raised. "For some years past no less than £6,000,000 annually has gone to Denmark, for butter, whereas, although the export of the article on this side has increased no less than 1,000 per cent. the amount the Dominion receives for it is considerably under £1,-000,000. There is no reason, whatever a place in supplying butter to Britain as she has done in regard to cheese. Both in quantity and quality Canada is able to rank first in the United sible natural advantage that can enable her to achieve this end, namely, a good climate, a splendid soil, and an excellent water system.

"Australia, on the other hand, has to contend with inequalities of climate and meteorological caprice. Every now and again that country suffers from terrific droughts, and the recurrence of these prevents uniformity in its butter output. For instance, the output four years ago was no less than 13,000 tons in the year. Since then owing to the prevalence of drought, the shipments have diminished fully

"You have, I believe, Mr. Gunn, visited Australia and New Zealand, and

"Yes, I have, and I have also visited a number of the dairies in operation in this country, and I am glad pare most favorably in every way with those I have seen in Australia and New Zealand."

"Great Britain imports largely from the Continent. Is not this trade, by reason of cheaper transportation owing to shorter distance, government assistance and cheapness, too firmly established for Canada to compete with?" "By no means. Great Britain can buy

every pound of GOOD BUTTER

that Canada can export. There is at present a vast quantity of oleomargarine used in Great Britain both in its ordinary condition, simply colored, and "The increase," Mr. Gunn remarked, mixed with butter, in which latter assumes a reddish brown color and 'is a wonderful one. From 36,000 case it is put up like butter and sold

It may be parenthetically remarked grade in a few isolated cases, and the of the trade, while admitting this all of Canadian butter to Great Britain that this country has yet done all that | timately the trade will take the same relative position in respect to the "I must say," continued Mr. Gunn, same trade of other countries, as that

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the fruit will aid in this di- down to suffering.

the died near town yesterday with manner in which the disease is contributed attendance? The distance of the disease is contributed attendance? The distance of the disease is contributed attendance? the medical attendance." There is a manner in which the question. Miole termon in that paragraph.