

Tuberculosis Work and the Annual Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign

Tuberculosis is more deadly than war.

This statement, backed by figures which show that while 67,882 Americans were killed in the conflict in Europe, 200,000 Americans perished of tuberculosis at home in the same period of time, emphasizes the task the United States is facing in its effort to wipe out the White Plague, a scourge that is both curable and preventable.

One thousand organizations throughout the country are affiliated with the National Tuberculosis association in the warfare on tuberculosis. Cook county through the great work of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, occupies the proud position as the leader in the campaign against the plague. In no other part of the United States has there been so determined a fight made, nor so many results accomplished, as in Cook County.

It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 cases of tuberculosis in the country today, and that at least 150,000 of these will result in death within the next twelve months. Cook county right now has some 60,000 cases that should receive attention. To do so, of course, requires funds.

The chief weapon in the fight against the plague in Cook county are the Traveling Health Clinic, the nursing service and educational exhibit. The Health Clinic which has become famous all over the country, accompanied by a physician and a nurse, travels a regular route through forty towns and villages of the county.

The importance of the little seal was well demonstrated during the influenza epidemic. Additional nurses were needed and the county had no funds to provide them. So the Institute employed ten nurses for this special work, paying for them with money derived from the sale of the Christmas seals. There was such a demand for this nursing service that after the epidemic it was continued; in fact, it was enlarged. Sixteen towns arranged with the Institute to employ full-time nurses, each town paying fifty per cent of the expense and the Institute bearing the other fifty per cent out of proceeds from the seals.

The money for Cook county's splendid campaign against tuberculosis comes from the sale of the fam-

ous Red Cross Christmas Seal at a penny each.

Under the leadership of Mr. James F. Phillips, campaign director for Cook county, the work of recruiting workers to handle the seals is going forward rapidly and the indications are that many of the best known men and women of the county will devote a large part of their time to the good work during the period of the campaign. Continued leadership in the tuberculosis war is the object of those responsible for the sale in Cook county, and the success of the seal sale will depend largely upon the volunteers who undertake the work in the booths.

The Red Cross Christmas Seal is the only method of financing the work in Cook county, as it is throughout the United States. Eight and a half million dollars, derived from the sale of these seals during the past eleven years, have been instrumental in providing approximately \$100,000,000 worth of institutions used in fighting the White Plague all over the nation. The annual upkeep and maintenance of these institutions exceeds \$20,000,000.

There is a hospital in nearly every state, and in some there are between ten and thirty. Cook county has an institution with a capacity of 700. Funds derived from the seals have not been used actually in building hospitals, but these funds have made possible educational campaigns proving the necessity of such hospitals. Only two years ago, as a result of a great campaign of education, 31 counties in Illinois voted to tax themselves to erect hospitals.

"That Cook county is recognized as setting the pace for the entire country in both the educational work and the actual treatment of tuberculosis is a matter of considerable pride to the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute," said Campaign Director Phillips. "We hope that the people of the county generally will realize that in order to continue our great work we must dispose of an unusual number of seals this year.

"We have a total of twenty nurses working now. This service, with the Traveling Health Clinic and educational work, is dependent upon the sale of the Christmas seals. We feel confident that the people of Cook county will support this work by buying the little seals without stint during the sale period, from December 1 to 10."

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

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All questions relating to health and home sanitation will be answered in this column each week.

All co-operating Public Health Nursing committees in Cook county are entitled to use the following form for constitution and by-laws. This form may be changed to suit local conditions.

Name: This committee shall be known as the Public Health Nursing Committee.

Organization: It shall consist of not less than ten members, representing the various interests of the community, school, church, business, clubs and fraternal organizations.

Purpose: To promote Public Health Nursing service and interpret its value to the community.

Officers: The committee shall elect its own officers, namely: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually delegated to such officers.

Meetings: Meetings shall be held regularly once a month, time and place to be decided by the majority.

Order of Business: Reports of the nurses work and other business of the organization shall be discussed; special meetings may be called when necessary.

COUNTRY LIFE CONFERENCE

Everyone interested in Town and Country problems is urged to attend the Country Life Conference at the La Salle hotel beginning Saturday, November 8. Those interested in health problems are especially invited.

Ancients Used Window Glass.

From the evidence contained in the ruins of ancient temples of Greece and Rome it seems certain that windows as a vehicle for the admission of light and air into the interior of a hall or room were in use as long as 500 B. C.

Not Much.

The Romans' Thanksgiving was dedicated to Ceres, goddess of the harvest. It "was a day of worship and rustic sports." Times haven't changed much!

Not a Chance in the World.

"A good husband ought to tell his wife all his faults," is the advice given husbands of more or less doubtful status by a Milwaukee authority on domesticity. But the average husband will have to be very, very quick about it or the average wife will tell him first.—Pennsylvania Grit.

Hatch Silkworms in New Way.

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Daily Thought.

Every day, as it rises out of eternity, keeps putting to each of us this question afresh: What will you do before this day has sunk into eternity and nothingness again?—F. W. Robertson.

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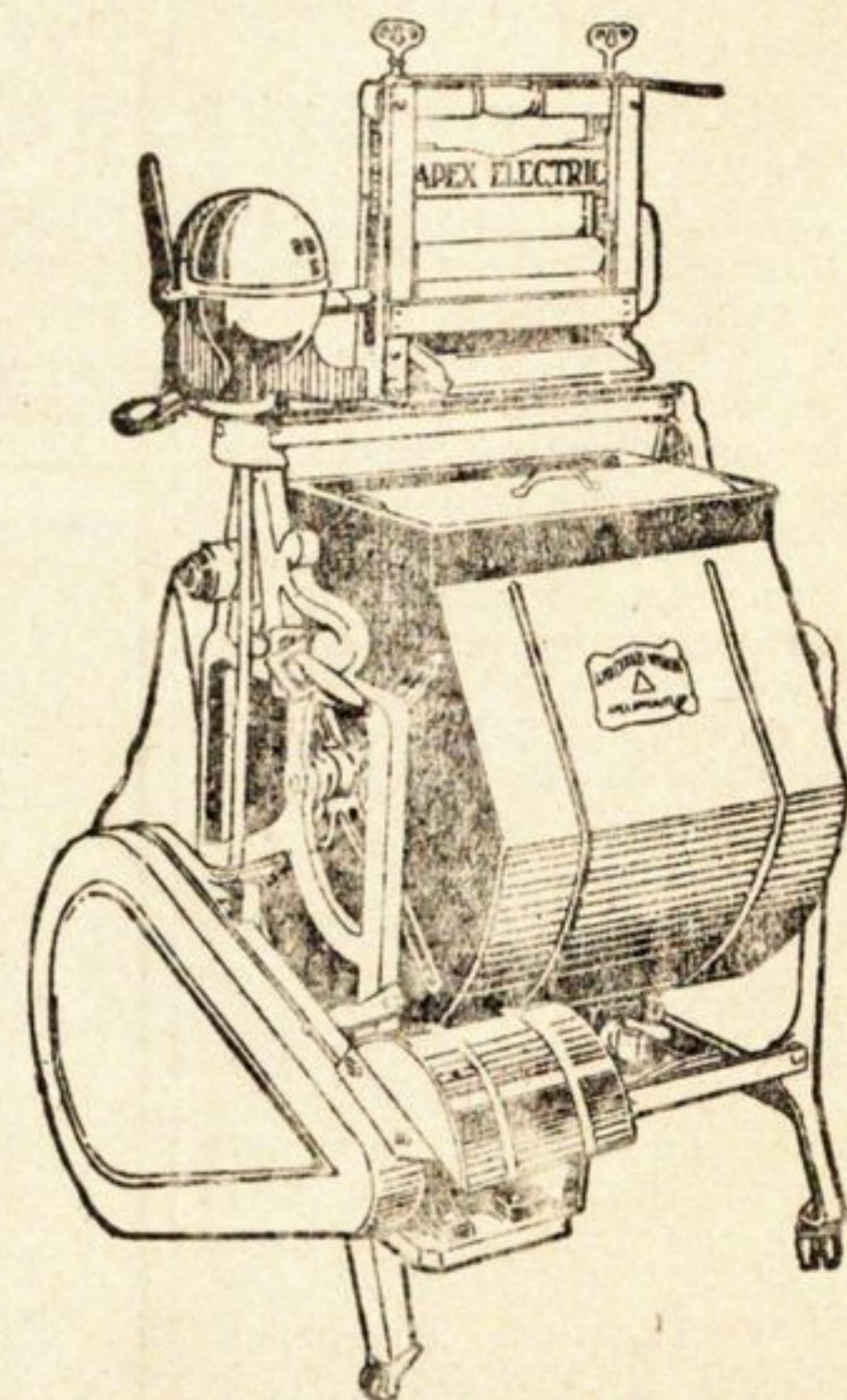
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