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IGNORANCE AND CHILD-HEALTH

The battle against ignorance is slow and often discouraging. Things about which we should know most are among the ones concerning which we know least. Children have been born into the world since the human race began, yet we are just beginning to find out how to care for them in various crises in their lives.

The bulletin of the New York health department, which is warring against the worst epidemic of infantile paralysis in the country's history, warns parents: "Do not give your children patent medicines or buy charms of any kind to ward off the disease."

GERMANY AND THE BLOCKADE.

Reports of our consuls in Germany show how the empire is being affected by the British blockade. Exports for the United States invoiced at the consulate decreased from \$16,000,000 in 1914 to \$4,000,000 in 1915.

falling off less in proportion, from \$6,300,000 to \$2,240,000. More than one-half of the latter sum consisted of the value of furs and skins.

The textile industry suffers from a shortage of raw materials, especially cotton, even though it is no longer used for the manufacture of high explosives. The impossibility of exporting aniline dyes has caused these factories to limit their production, and they are also worrying about their loss of control of the foreign market.

IS HOMINY GONE, TOO?

Another frightful revelation has been made by the scientist whose discovery of the extinction of potatoes caused such excitement not long ago. He asserts, in the magazine of which he is the editor—The Guide to Nature (Sound Beach, Conn., July)—that old-fashioned hominy is no more.

"I have been deluged with letters—letters telling of innumerable places where one might obtain hominy, and into these places I have chased the fleeing will-o'-the-wisp, only to find something entirely different—what every New England boy knew half a century ago as hulled corn, or the monstrosity that any self-respecting New England boy would have been ashamed to know, a pale-faced, blanched, Japanese-like form of corn, known as hominy-grits.

"Good old Noah Webster—and I have no doubt that Daniel, too—knew what hominy was, knew that the original was common, yellow, Indian corn—broken by the Indians. Of course, when they pounded it with a pestle in the hollow of a stone, their breaking was somewhat irregular. The white man improved upon that.

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He broke the grains by placing the grist-mill stones far apart, and then sifted out the soft, mealy portion by some process not known to the writer. The thin skin covering the corn was removable. Good old Webster tells us that the word itself is closely associated with the term 'rokohamin,' used in Virginia, but the Virginians parched the corn before they pounded it.

"After something like a year's correspondence, an aged miller promised that if he could ever find the spare time he would grind a bushel of the real old stuff. I waited for six months and then wrote inquiring if he were not almost ready to find the time, but a marked copy of a paper, mailed to me by one of his relatives, told me that he had passed on beyond time.

"There was another miller in the eastern part of Connecticut. Oh, yes, he knows all about it, and just as soon as he can complete repairs on the grist-mill he will supply all I need. For a time he answered the letters, especially when I enclosed a stamped and self addressed envelope, but as it is now a year and a half since he made the last report on those repairs, I judge that mill is either in a state of collapse, or else that he has joined my first miller in a conference beyond time.

"In the heart of the country, at an old homestead, I found a man that said, 'I know just what you want,' and, smacking his lips, continued, 'My, but I can remember those hominy-pies even to this day.' 'That is it. You have got it right,' I said. 'Pies with luscious raisins and a custard, all made of the real old hominy.' 'Well,' he continued, 'I do not know as you can get it in stores nowadays. We have discontinued it in the North, but they are not quite up to us in the South, and they still have hominy.' 'You mean,' I said, 'they are far ahead of us if they still have hominy and we have not.' 'I will give you a few addresses,' he said. I wrote to several, including a famous old grist-mill in Richmond, Virginia. One man was kind enough to write, 'We have the real hominy,' and to send me a liberal package. Imagine my disappointment when I found it was nothing but such as is sold at department stores.

"John Greenleaf Whittier, why do you not come back and reprimand some of these grocers for using your

classic 'bowl and samp and milk,' as a misuse of the name samp? It is about as near what you had in mind as huckleberries are to peas.

"Went to visit a man in New Jersey He said: 'We have here an old-fashioned grist-mill. They have just what you want.' Gleeefully I alighted from the automobile and accosted the man at the desk: 'Give me a peck of hominy, will you?' The man at the desk laughed and said: 'I know what you want. We have not got it. I have heard my grandfather tell about it.' Then I realized that I had grown beyond youthful years when a full-grown man like that had to refer to his grandfather!

"A young friend in the back country of Connecticut, known as Columbia, tried to sing not only 'Hail Columbia,' but 'Hail Hominy,' as having discovered the desideratum. She told me where to write to get all I needed. Result, loss of another two-cent stamp and the stenographer's time.

"Isn't it strange that the human race will let drop out of use such a delicious food? Where is the wholesale grocer that will make fame and fortune by putting up the real material and placing it on the market? He need not try to palm off on us any white hominy-grits for any hulled corn similar to that made from lye over wood-ashes. Nor need he try to convince any one that those white particles are the real thing. I fear that the making of hominy is a lost art."

THE FORUM

Why Our Mountains Are Blue. La Grande, Aug. 8.—(To the Editor)—It pleases my fancy to see our mountains when they emerged from watered depths and looked over the great expanse of wind swept waters, they were timid and cold.

The sky looking down saw and pitied their condition, and spread over them a silken blanket of blue, tucking it carefully about the edges and in the valleys.

When the waters were gone the mountains in grateful remembrance of the kind and loving act retained it, and will until they shall meet with fervent heat and time shall be no more.

—A GRANDE RONDER.

Wants Report Published.

La Grande, Aug. 8.—(To the Editor)—The undersigned taxpayers of La Grande request that the report of

the committee sent to examine the Beaver creek dam be published:

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