

The Deadly Trichinae.

THE INDIANA CASES—SEVERAL PERSONS BROUGHT TO THE POINT OF DEATH—MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF THE DISEASED MEAT.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1, 1874

Professor William Clendenin, who fills the chair of anatomy in the Miami Medical College of this city, returned to-day from a professional visit to Aurora Indiana, twenty-six miles below this city, on the Ohio river. The object of the visit was the investigation of several cases of trichina spiralis, of recent occurrence in that place. The first victims are Mrs. Threnart, a German widow, and her three children, two boys, aged fourteen and seven years, and a girl aged ten years.

Dr. Clendenin was interviewed by your special reporter, and furnished the facts which follow:

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

It appears that Mrs. Threnart had two hogs killed for home consumption about four weeks ago, one of which had been sick, after running the streets a month or so before killing. The animal had what was called the "droop." It was stiff in the limbs, and lost appetite, but after dosing with sulphur and sweet milk it recovered and fattened up. A quantity of sausage was made with the meat, and of this Mrs. Threnart and her children partook freely. On last Monday it was prepared and cooked in the usual way. On Tuesday last the parties took sick, complaining of a withering pain in the bowels, of being very tired and sore all over the surface of the body. Vomiting and diarrhoea set in, and the family physician was called. He thought the symptoms were those of typhoid fever, and treated accordingly. The illness of the mother and her children excited the sympathy of her neighbors, and they took it in turn to nurse them.

Mrs. Buyer, wife of the Methodist minister, with her two children, the youngest only four years old, was the first nurse, and devoted herself exclusively to the Christian duty. She took up her abode in the sick house, and when meal time came, prepared and eat some of the sausage, together with the youngest child. The other would not touch it.

SICKENED.

On Thursday, Mrs. Buyer and her child were seized in the same way as the victim she came to nurse, and still no suspicion was aroused as to the cause.

The same evening Miss Davis aged nineteen, and Miss Moilenhoff, aged twenty, two charming young women, came to nurse the sick, and at supper partook of the sausage and some of the fried meat. They were seized with pains in the stomach and bowels in an hour and were deathly sick. An old woman prescribed hot whisky punch and made them drink freely, which increased the vomiting, and they are now convalescing.

A lad named Krieger, who took kindling wood to Mrs. Threnart's house had supper and is also down with the same sickness.

Finally a Mrs. Ross came and ate of the meat and soon after took sick in the same manner as all the others; but she at once suspected the meat as the cause and said so to the physician.

MEDICAL ADVICE.

He called in Dr. Sutton, of the Health Department, and a scientific analysis of the sausage, cooked and raw, was made, upon which the startling fact was revealed that the meat was literally alive with the

TRICHINA SPIRALIS.

So tenacious of life is this little

thing that it was seen to survive the pickling process and cooking of the meat. The entire carcass of the hog that had been sick is infected; not even the bones being free from invasion of the entozoon. Under the microscope it looks like knots and coils of the common earth worm, with very sharp or pointed extremities, and while this is being written, a speck of the flesh, not larger than the head of a small pin, is on view, and contains millions of the maggots wriggling and twisting about, although totally invisible to the naked eye.

CONVALESCING.

When Dr. Clendenin left Aurora last night all the patients, except the two young ladies were still very ill.

THE SYMPTOMS.

were alike in all. A peculiar paleness of the skin, with a livid puffiness around the eyes, and the lower extremities puffed and swollen. They lie crouched up in bed, with the shoulders drawn forward and the knees drawn up to the chin. There is a painful weakness in the limbs. It is painful to protrude the furred and thickened tongue. The voice is husky and changed in tone. There is a diarrhoea, with a tendency to dysentery, thirst, complete loss of appetite, and a fever which increases at night.

DIAGNOSIS OF RESULTS.

The oldest boy and girl of Mrs. Threnart, and Mrs. Buyer, who is a fine healthy woman, will undoubtedly die; but some hopes are entertained that all the other victims will survive.

THE GREATEST ALARM.

and consternation in the community of Aurora, where there is a large German population which lives on pork, and other meat of the hog kind. A crowd invaded Dr. Fulton's room at the hotel, with pieces of pork, sausage and ham, to have them examined for fear of trichinae, and public confidence has been shaken in pork as an article of food, the commodity is tabooed and it is a drug in the Aurora market.

Ashantee.

Ashantee is the most notable of the existing savage kingdoms on the western coast of Africa. Its boundaries are not accurately defined; approximately the kingdom may be considered the region fronting the Gold Coast, between latitude 5° and 10° north and longitude 1° and 6° west. Until the commencement of the present century Ashantee was unheard of by Europeans, for the Fantees, a hostile tribe, occupied the coast. In 1807 Osei Tutu was King of Ashantee. He appears to have subjugated many of the neighboring tribes. Two of his tributary chiefs having fled to the Fantee country, Osei demanded that they should be given up to him. The demand was refused, and the Ashantee messengers were put to death. Osei thereupon made an incursion into the Fantee country, which he ravished down to the coast. The British, who had a fort at Anaboe on the coast, undertook to shelter the flying Fantees. The Ashantees invested the fort, and compelled the British Governor to ask for peace. This peace was of brief duration. 1817 the Ashantees again invaded the Fantee country, and took possession of it, their acquisition by right of conquest being recognized by British Governor of the fort. In 1823 the Fantees, encouraged by the British, rose against the Ashantees, who again marched into their country. Sir Charles McCarthy, the British Governor of the Gold Coast, undertook to chastise the invaders. A sharp action took place, January 21, 1824, in which the British were defeated, the commander and nearly all his officers were killed. The victorious Ashantees came near capturing the British stronghold, Cape Coast Castle; but sickness coming on, they were obliged to withdraw to their own country. Since that time the Ashantees have kept aloof from the seaboard, but appear to have extended their dominion in the interior. Now and then travelers have made their way to Coomassie the Ashantee capital, in latitude 5 deg. 51 min. north, longitude 2 deg. 16 min. west. They report that the government is an absolute despotism. The king is the great property owner, and is the legal heir of all his subjects. Slavery exists on a large scale, many of the nobles having as many as one thousand slaves. Up to within a few years the slave trade prospered and gave a large income to the monarch; but now that the trade has declined, slavery seems likely to die out. Polygamy may be considered the special

institution of Ashantee. The importance of a man is measured by the number of his wives; for these are the cheapest laborers. The king, it is said, is limited to three thousand three hundred and thirty-three wives, who, during the working season, are scattered over his plantations. When at home in the capital they occupy two streets, where they are secluded from all but the king and his female relatives; any other person who looks upon one of them, even by accident, is punished by death. As to their religion, human sacrifices seem to be the distinguishing feature. The soil is fertile, producing every kind of tropical grains and fruits. The abundance of gold displayed as ornaments shows that mines are common; many of the richest, however, are held sacred to the divinities and so not worked. Among the special industries, may be mentioned a beautiful fabric of cotton, woven in strips four inches wide, and afterward sewed together. A considerable commerce is carried on between Coomassie and Hoosaa, Borno, Timbuctoo, and other points in the interior. The principal exports are gold-dust and ivory. The population of the country is by some estimated to be three million, or over.—Revised American Cyclopaedia.

MARY AND HER LAMB.—Mary was the proprietress of a diminutive incipient sheep, whose outer covering was as devoid of color as congealed atmospheric vapor, and to all localities to which Mary perambulated her young South-down was morally sure to follow. It tagged her to the dispensary of learning one diurnal section of time, which was contrary to all precedent, and excited the cackling of the seminary attendants when they perceived the presence of a young mutton at the establishment of instruction. Consequently the preceptor expelled him from the interior, but he continued to remain in the immediate vicinity, and continued in the neighborhood without fretfulness until Mary once more became visible.

"What caused this specimen of the genus ovis to bestow so much affection on Mary?" the impetuous progeny vociferated.

"Because Mary reciprocated the wool-producer's esteem, you understand," the tutor answered back.

Call for an Independent State Convention.

The Douglas County Independent Tax Payers Convention having assembled this 28th day of February, 1874, and nominated a full Legislative and County ticket, and having adjourned in full harmony, a large majority of the members then assembled and having organized for the purpose of recommending an Independent State ticket, the following resolution, on motion, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the interests of the people of Oregon will be better subserved by independent political action than by strict adherence to existing party organizations, and that the people of the several counties of the State be, and hereby are, requested to select delegates to an Independent State Convention to be held at Salem on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a State ticket to be presented to the voters at the coming election.

This Convention recommends that in selecting such delegates, the basis of apportionment be one delegate for every 200 votes cast at the election of 1872 for Wilson and Burnett, and one additional delegate for a fraction of 100 votes or over. Upon this basis the number of delegates from the respective counties will be as follows:

Total Vote.	Delegates.
Baker	942
Benton	1,222
Clackamas	1,490
Clatsop	380
Columbia	581
Curry	228
Douglas	220
Grant	1,854
Grout	614
Jackson	1,557
Josephine	331
Lane	1,859
Linn	2,107
Marion	2,475
Multnomah	3,249
Polk	1,176
Tillamook	167
Umatilla	939
Union	914
Washington	887
Wasco	968
Yamhill	1,212
Total	127

On motion, the Convention further recommended that the people throughout the State assemble in their respective precincts on Saturday, March 29th, and elect delegates to assemble in County Conventions on Saturday, April 4, 1874 (except in those counties where steps have already been taken to choose delegates for meeting at some other time), and there elect delegates according to the above apportionment, to meet in State Convention to nominate State officers.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, there being 70 delegates present, and the proceedings marked by complete unanimity and harmony.

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