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CHOLERA-WHATCADFESTT This scourge which appears to have erosmed the Atlantic on tre steamer Ingland, may reasonably be expeoted on this coast during the coming sum mer. The better its character is um derstood and the nearer thorough the precautions taken agaiust its introduc. tion here, the better. Dr. Dixon of the Scalpel says of it:
Cholera is not produced by a vegetable fugus or moss; it originates in buman filth. Wharever haman beings comgregate in close quarters and in vas nambers, in a confined atmosphere in thie country, there either ty phas fever analignant dysentery or chotera infan unm of our summers are produced Asiatic cholera is produced by an an imal germ. It camo first to thin country in a ship, in June 1832. It first appeared in Quebec, passed to Montre al by the 14 ch , and was in New York on the 25 ths no doubt, however, it was conveyed in the bodies of travel. ers, for it can only be propagated in in animal organiam. That it is an an imal germ. we will now endeavor to whow: First, it is not like yellow fever destroyed by frosts it has proved very fatal in winter. The only animal, we have any reason to think, that dies from cholera is the hog; the hog chol era of the West is very fatal; the symp. toms are similar to those of $n$ man Second-We never had Asiatic cholera here till 1882, slthough the same con ditions essential to its propagationdense population, confined air and filth-always existed and always pro duced thoir results, typhus fever, dys. untery and cbolera infantom-but never Asiatie cholera. Cbolera is defective vitatization of the blond, or or want of pure air, producing nutri tion. Tbis causes the relaxation of tho contractive, powers of all the blood vers ls of the body. The entire tract of intestines opens its myriad blood ressels, and alf the albuminous or flcsh making material passes off from the bowels. It is rupid cholera infan tum, only it proys upon adults chief. 1y. Not a sing'e cuse of cholera eccurred on board the Atlanta in its spa cious cabins during all the terrible death-scourging among the poor steor age passengers. What can be more onfined nir-anjmal poison in its highust degre-depressing the aeration or or life renovation of the blood; not producing tpylus fever, but cholera Thesolids of the human body are relax ed when the blood loses its life-giving power, and animatcues can acd roadi themselves. These animalcules un questionably could pass by the wind to the inhabitants ol the spacious cabins in the posterior part of the vessel, bat their blood-vessels and nerves were in good order and kept the tissues tight onongh to prevent the en trance of the exciting germs.

Without endorning the medieal theory of this writer, it is clear tbat there is a close relation between cholera and filth. It is well known that the diseaso is limited and controlled in some good dogree by sanitary efforts. All undue excitements and alarms in time of cholera only cause it to rage with great fatility.
In 18489 , where this scourge $9 p$. peared in the principal cities of the Mississippi Valley, the population livirg upon the filthy streeta near rivers and low places, reeking with garbage and ordure were swept away with fearlal rapidity, while on streets kept carefully cleansed, and where sanitary regulations were thoroughly observed, there was almost entiro exomption.

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