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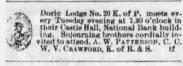
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ABOUT CONSUMPTION,

It Is Declared to Be a Contagious Disease.

An Ancient Theory Revived Through Scientific Investigation-No Provisions Against Contagion Can Be Made.

The Philadelphia County Medical society has petitioned the board of health of that city to put consumption of the lungs on the list of contagious diseases, says the Baltimore Sun. The request has awakened interest in the old question of the contagiousness of consumption and incidentally on the general subject of infection and con-Some of the diseases which flesh is heir to are contagious in every sense of the word. A contact so slight that it does not even reach skin contact, but merely with the air which mallpox patients breathe, is sufficient to cause smallpox in man. So, too, mediato contact—that is to say, the handling by the well of material touched by the sick—has been proved to be the cause of many diseases, of which erysipelas and scarlet fever may be cited as examples. The products of certain other diseases—typhoid fever, for example—require to be taken into economy to become maleficent. Still others, such as glanders, must be introduced into the blood current itself before they are dangerous. These facts have been proved by long ob-servation and are not to be disputed. A horseman treats a case of glanders with perfect security, provided his skin is whole or is protected. A nurse

or a doctor stays for hours in the room of the typhoid patient and suffers no hurt. The older doctors, therefore, set these diseases to one side as infectious, but not contagious, for it was equally evident that they were carried from patient to patient, not through the air, but through other, and to them unknown, means. The discoveries in bacteriology have settled many questions, but have unsettled many others which were sup-posed to have been fixed forever. Among other things it has broken down the barriers between contagious

and infectious diseases. All the dis-cases which have been mentioned are now believed to be caused by germs of vegetal origin, some of which are known, others of which are only sus-pected. The explanation of the bacteriologist as to the difference in their effect on the human organism is simply that of the Bible. Some germs fall on good ground and multiply, others on stony ground and fail to grow, or wither at once. When a typhoid germ is breathed into the lungs it perishes just as do the myriad of other germs which we daily breathe. It is far otherwise if it is swallowed with the food or drink, and finds after running the rauntlet of the juices of the stomach a uitable place for growth in the intestines. The germ grows and multiplies and the ordinary phenomena of the lisease result. This will give a gen eral idea of the simple and apparently

complete answer to many of the vexed mestions which puzzled the older doc-Unfortunately the practical diffi-culties are not entirely removed by the theoretical explanation, and espe-cially is this true of consumption. Even if it is granted that the disease always originates from a germ, and that this germ came from some previous many escape where almost all are exposed shows that there must be other factors than the germ alone which cause the disease, or at least aid in its propagation. So far these other fac-

ors are almost unknown. That consumption was contagious was an old theory, and the Spaniards centuries ago were in the habit of destroying the bedding and belongings of consumptives, and in some cases even the houses in which they lived, for fear of the spreading of the plague. That it is not very actively contagious is proved sufficiently by the fact that dwellers in cities are alive at all, for statistics prove that from one-tenth one-fifth of all the deaths in large cities are due directly or indirectly to the disease, and that consequently a number of sufferers from the disease must be present in every large gathering of people. Except in the later stages the patient is not confined to his bed. He mingles in all the social and industrial avocations of life. infrequently he is "the life of the party" or the "hardest worker of the In the present state of society. at least, such men cannot be condemned to a leper camp nor sent against their wills to a sanitarium.

however excellent. The general fact that consumption is a disease which, under certain circumstances, may become contagious or fections, should be admitted. A suficient number of cases are known where the carrying of the disease from the ill to the well is clearly proved to demonstrate the general truth that consumption is sometimes contagious. This should lead to the most scrupclous care on the part not only of the physician but of the intelligent pa-tient to prevent the spread of the disease. But any attempt to prevent such infection by quarantine regulation must almost necessarily prove abor-

Dried Fruit Weights. The reason for the variation in the weight of dried fruits when packed in large or small packages is the subject ries. of an article in the London Grocer. Currents, being semi-dried, gain some what in weight when in bulk, but when packed in small cartons the tendency is for them to lose weight. Saltana raisins are cured in boiling oil and gain weight when in small packages. Valencia raisins are cured by being dipped into lye and diminish in weight both in large and small packages. Of course the apartment where the fruits are kept has something to do with it, and the paper constituting the wrapper may gain in weight, one grocer at the seaside reporting that his "pound"

WAS PREPARED TO DIE. But When the Time Came His Vision Falled to Come True

ne time since, says the New York Telegram, a certain farmer in the mid-dle of this state, an eccentric old fellow the neighbors said, had a vision. Somebody appeared to him, a spirit a hobgoblin or what not, and informed him that he had only a few months to

live. The date fixed was in Novem The farmer took the matter very ber. seriously, but he had no fears. He told his friends that he was about to depart, and began to get ready. He paid all his debts, which is more than even death can induce every one to do, and offered his farm utensils and his stock for sale. He wanted to clean things up handsomely, as every honest man should do, and leave no entanglements behind him. Among other things to be disposed of were two cows, but as he wanted to live comfortably while he did live he concluded to hold on to those cows until the last

Oddly enough, now that the time of his exit is close at hard, he has had another vision. A new set of ghosts or hobgoblins have appeared to him and rather relieved at the postponement of his funeral, but still felt a degree of of the present warfare. embarrassment, for pretty nearly everything he had, wagons, horses and har-nesses, rakes, hoes, axes, some cords of

practical joke on him.

He is specially glad that he didn't extraordinary firmness, mixed with a sell those cows. They are about all he certain shadow of melancholy and lashas left, but they will serve as a nu-cleus for the things he will have to He r

The moral of this is that hobgoblins are very useful creatures in their way; that when they tell you to pay your debts you had better follow their advice, but if they tell you you are going to die you had better take camomile tea and send for the doctor. At any rate, don't part with your cows.

FAMILY TRADITION COUNTS. A Dominant Force in the Politics and So-

ciety of Little Delaware. No resident of a great state can easily guess the feeling of local loyalty and of almost clannish pride common throughout the commonwealth of Delaware, says the New York Sun. When Wilmington is left out of account the remainder of the state is peopled chiefsoil and descended from ancestors often settled for two centuries within the bounds of the state. There are many families still holding lands under seventeenth century patents, lands that have descended from father to son all those years without the passage deeds. It is only a few years since a Delawarean about to remove to the west sold a piece of land that his ancestors had purchased from an Indian chief as the representative of his tribe. Long descent in Delaware is confined to no self-constituted upper class, but is the boast of all sorts of churches in Delaware, and probably every one includes within its congregation some families descended from those that took part in organizing the church. Rural communities throughout the state are curiously immobile. Surnames are few, and the region from which a man comes is easily guessed

eration after generation. There is a numerous family in the northern county famous from the fact that nearly all heavy red beards. The character is said to belong even to distant branches of the family in the west. Long deprized, and even where a family has sunk into disrepute the fact of a respectable ancestry is held to make ita members a little better than just everyday newcomers whose conduct is no worse. Neighbors in Delaware have tenacious memories, and old family scandals are whispered about for gen erations. An old gentleman of blameless life and excellent name never dared to become a candidate for public office because it was recalled that he had been born out of wedlock. Genealogies are carried in the heads of hundreds and old ladies often know the intricate family relationships of half the community. According to tradi-tion, the Du Ponts, who have been making powder for a century, used to remember with satisfaction that an early Bayard had been a hatter. Every unity has local traditions of this sort and every man lives with the mowledge that his family history is mown to all who have good memo-

A French physician, who has found that the majority of deaths upon the battlefield arise from the bleeding to death of the wounded while waiting for the surgeon, proposes that each soldier in the French army shall be taught where the arteries of his body are and how to arrest hemorrhages from them. In doing this he has found a use for that most useless of artstatuooing; a small figure of some kind being tattooed over each artery, so that the soldier can at once see where . to apply the ligature.

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A MIGHTY MOOR.

Appearance and Characteristics of the Sultan of Morocco.

The Every-Day Life of Muley Has Who is at Present Engaged in a War fare with Spanish Colonists

Although Muley Hassan, the sul-tan or chief of Morocco, wields but a nominal authority over the Riff tribesmen now at war with the Spanish colonial settlement at Melilla, on the informed him that arrangements have northern Mediterranean coast of Afbeen made to allow him to stay in this rica, he is nevertheless the sovereign wicked world a little longer. He was of that region, and he will be held by Spain responsible for the consequences

Muley Hassan is fifty-five years old. His demeanor is grave and majestic, as nesses, rakes, hoes, axes, some cords of wood behind the house, had all been got rid of, and the farm looked as peror and pontiff, and a successor to though it had just been abandoned.

The old fellow is a bit riled, however. "This vision business." he said the other day, "has cost me dear," and adorned with a flowing black beard, in he has been heard to use some rather strong expressions about hobgoblins which are seen some white hairs, restrong expressions about hobgoblins which are seen some white hairs, restrong expressions about hobgoblins. in general and this particular hobgob-lin that seems to have been playing a Arabs. He shows at the same time in his physical traits the evidence of an

He receives foreign ministers and buy in order to run the farm. When a shows himself in public with fastidious stranger comes along nowadays and solemnity, says the New York Tribsays he would like to take a peep at une. One of the emperor's serv-those cows with a view to purchase ants holds over his head a large parathem, the farmer comes as close to pro-fanity as a country church deacon sun. Others are busy fanning him, in ever gets. He thinks the swear words, order to chase away the flies so abun-but bites his tongue and remarks that dant in that hot climate, and all look he hasn't any cows for sale, but is at their lord as if he were a god rather thinking of buying a herd and going than their sovereign. Edmunde Amicis, who saw Muley Hassan during a reception of the Italian embassy, de-

scribes him as follows: "A vestment as white as the snow covers him from head to foot; the turban is covered by a high hood; the feet are bare and inclosed in yellow slippers. His horse is of high stature and very white, with green reins and gold stirrups. All this whiteness and the wide, floating vestments gave him a sacerdotal appearance, a royal gracefulness and amiable majesty, in accord with the very gentle expression of his physiognomy.

On account of the intolerance prevailing in the Moorish empire, the function of a religious chief is the most important of those which belong to the sultan. If he did not show absolute respect for the Mussulman orthodoxy of the doctrines of Mohammed, a revolution would soon turn him from the throne or gravely compromise his sovereignty. Muley Hassan observes, therefore, rigorously all religious prac tices of the Moslem liturgy. Like all members of his court, he gets up at three o'clock a. m., in winter as well as In summer, to make the first prayers. After that his chaplain reads him some pages in the books of Bokhari, the famous Mussulman theologian, who is, in the opinion of all Moors, the best

religious authority after Mohammed. The sultan and his ministers give There are many ancient audiences between five and six o'clock a. m., and it is at such a matinal hour that he receives Europeans. The middle of the day is given to rest and sleep, business being resumed only at four or five o'clock p. m., to stop at the hour

of the evening prayer. When the sultan getsup in the morning and when he has slept during the "slesta" in the middle of the day his Family traditions are jealously treas-ured, and family traits reappear gen-ber is very considerable. Some people affirm that there are two thousand of them in each of the three capitals of the empire, which are Fez, Mequinez its male members have red heads and heavy red beards. The character is the one who is really the favorite and the first in the heart of the emperor is a Circassian of marvelous and fascinatscent, though so common, is highly ing beauty, who is thirty years old and who has succeeded in dominating Muley Hassan, thanks to her talents, smartness and high culture. She has a European education, speaks French and Spanish, and aspires to make her son Abdelazis the successor of the present emperor.

SCHOOL SYSTEM OF FRANCE. The Symmetry and Working Are Said to Be Next Thing to Perfection.

Every child in Franceat this hour, says the complacent minister in the well-known story, "is studying the same lesson," and, according to the Fortnightly Review, it is practically the same for every undergraduate still. Uniform knowledge and uniform precision, with uniform justice for every young citizen, are thus selectly. One evening he saw something cured, and what are commonly reck- come from the bushes at one side of oned the "essential qualities of the the railroad, step upon the track and French mind" are unquestionably destand still between the rails. At first veloped. Not only the symmetry, but he thought it was a man, but when the the working of the system is perfect, rays of the headlight fell on the object the grand armee is gone, even the code has its uncertainties, new government and principles come and go: but the University of France has sat as it held his place calmly until almost run was set, above the reach of time or down and then stepped off. This rash politics as beseems the mighty spiritual organization it is. The body of for three times during the following the nation is in its outer court, its gov-ernment classes are in the second and But when it came out for the fifth time third. We recognize in England how it had grown careless and the cow-largely the public schoolboy is father of enteber knocked it up in the air. Then the man, but we must deepen this im-pression tenfold to realize the national men searched for the bear. But bruin calcurrate. One might write a good laurel swamp and is there yet, proba-

m alone-the lyceen fullblown as iterateur and critic, as artist and engineer, as journalist and politician, as soldier and colonizer, and so on. In all such occupations, however, he has too much to do with the outer court; it is in the inner one, that of the doctorate, the aggregation, the diploma of the Ecole Normale Superieure, that he fully blossoms, unspotted from the world. He becomes a professor or other functionary, for above all things the ambition of the conventionally well-educated Frenchman is to belong to some bureau or other. The profane call this inner court (with some approach to descriptive accuracy, it must be confessed) that of the "manda-rinat," its more erudite and authoritative personages becoming "manda-rins," and its humbler Levites "ronds de cuir," i. e., civil servants, viewed teleologically as coverings for stools. So upon every mind in France there is laid the dead hand of the great law-

A VALUABLE RELIC.

How the Mount Vernon Ladles' Associa-tion Secured a Washington Coach. In connection with the restoration of the old-coach-house, which was entirely rebuilt by Michigan during the past year, there is an interesting story of the search for one of Washington's old conches to replace in the old quarters. Though a search was instituted a year ago in New York and Philadelphia for the lost coach, says the New York Post, there were no traces of it up to the date of the completion of the house in May. At that time Mr. Dodge, the superintendent at Mount Vernon, ascertained that a Washington coach had been sold from an auction room in Philadelphia to Forepaugh's Circus company for fifty dollars, and also that the Pennsylvania commissioners had tried unsuccessfully to get it from the company last summer for the Colum-bian exposition. Mr. Dodge immediately corresponded with Forepaugh's. and Barnum & Balley's circus companies, and also with Mr. Brownfield, chairman of the Pennsylvania commissioners. Mr. Brownfield used the large opportunities at his command in getting on the track of the coach, and in June a letter was received from him to the effect that the coach had been traced to the wreck of a circus train "in the west," and was probably a ruin. But the end was not yet. Sus-peeting that he might have been misled, Mr. Brownfield renewed the hunt, which ultimately resulted in finding the conch safely stored away. Mr Dodge at once opened negotiations for its purchase, but further proceedings were arrested by Mr. Brownfield's resenting the coach to the Mount Vernon

MACHINES FOR BUSINESS.

An Office Containing Appliances for Rapid "The desk of a business man nowa days is quite a mass of machinery," said the manager for a commercial firm to a Washington Star writer. "Ob-

serve this one of mine for example. "To begin with here is a phonograph, into which I dictate all my letters. Afterward a young woman who acts as my amanuensis takes the cylinders and copies them off. For ommunication otherwise than by writing, I have at my hand a small stand which supports a telephone. It is ornamental and movable. I put it out of the way or set it in front of me,

according to my convenience. "With this little instrument I can talk from my desk with all the world It is a long distance telephone, and with it I can call up Boston as easily as Baltimore. Besides, I have at my other elbow a similar contrivance for communicating with the various rooms under my superintendence in this building. At a moment's notice I can make connection with any one of them by sticking the plug into the proper

place in this circuit board. "My desk is a center to which ever so many wires run for a score of dif-ferent purposes. Some of them furnish me with electric lights. Others give power to my electric fan. Overhead you will notice a clock, which at noon every day is corrected by electricity from the naval observatory. My office is a nest of machines and wires, the latter reaching out to the utter-most ends of the earth. For, by means of this telegraph sounder at my left hand, I can transmit intelligence to Europe, to India, to New Zealand, or to Hong Kong. It is not without rea-son that this is called the age of me-

chanical civilization."

The engineer on a western New York train picked up a queer passenger rehe saw that it was a bear. The train was moving very fast and the engineer bear must have enjoyed its experience. aportance of the lyeeen and his bac- had crawled away somehow into a account of modern France in terms of | bly, but whether dead or alive no one