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**Edison's Work for Humanity.**

Mr Thomas A. Edison is doing a great deal for humanity just now. Having perfected the fluoroscope, which he declined to patent and which is proving such a boon to surgery, he is now devoting himself to discovering, if possible, whether the new "X" rays can be made use of in enabling the blind to see. He may never be able to make the totally blind see anything at all except a glare of light, and he may never be able to make the partially blind see perfectly; but if he succeeds in giving this most afflicted class of persons any help or any relief at all, however slight, they will rise up to call him blessed and the world will join them in it. Remarkable success has already attended his experiments, and there is really good ground for the hope that a new world of vision, wonderful as it seems, may yet be opened up to the blind. In conducting these experiments, Mr. Edison shows the same marvelous and untiring energy of mind and body that has characterized his work for years. He is probably the hardest working man in this country, and the most thoroughly absorbed in his work. He often goes days and nights with scarcely a wink of sleep and is seldom seen outside his laboratory. He has on more than one occasion hired a band to keep himself and his faithful, but tired, employes awake. There is but one world for Edison, and that is the world of scientific mystery. It has fascinated and holds him enthralled body and soul. And all the world enjoys the benefit of his labors. Mr. Edison is an Ohio man, and Ohio is proud of him.—Columbia (O.) Dispatch.

**The Dreaded Germ.**

At the British association Dr.

Kanthack, who speaks with great authority on the subject, read a paper on "Bacteria In Food," in which he pointed out that one might swallow any amount of micro-organisms with food without any injury. Milk ordinarily contain about a million germs per cubic centimeter, in sandwiches they are too numerous to count, oysters teem with them, and ices from a fashionable confectioner's were found to contain from 10,000,000 to 14,000,000, or considerably more than the much abused Italian street vender's wares. There is not the least doubt in the world that we eat, drink and breathe any quantity of germs without suffering in the smallest degree, day by day, unless the germ happen to be of a particular sort and to meet with a suitable soil. All the "scientific" fuss about the necessity of boiling this and sterilizing that in order to kill the germs is a piece of unscientific babble founded upon a set of theoretic assumptions which take no account of actual everyday facts. Of course the bacteriologists will not admit their mistake without a struggle, and Dr. Kanthack met with a good deal of criticism. Nevertheless he is right, and one of these days every one will be saying the same thing.—St. James Gazette.

**Young Woman's Peculiar Death.**

Chicago, November 27.—Anna B. Clark died of a broken heart, actually and physically a broken heart. She died suddenly in Chicago a week ago Monday and her remains were taken to her Cleveland home for interment. From that city comes information that a physician examined the body and asked if Miss Clark had recently suffered any great shock or sorrow. He was told that she had been informed that total blindness was near and inevitable. The physician said that there was a heart lesion, and that one of the few authentic recorded deaths from a heart broken by sorrow was hers.

Two weeks ago Miss Clark went the daily round of her duties, and then owing to some slight trouble with her eyes as she supposed, she visited an oculist. He told her that the loss of her eyesight might be the question of but a few hours. This was Saturday. Sunday afternoon Miss Clark returned to her residence from a walk. She entered the door and some one spoke to her. She turned and said: "I hear your voice, but I cannot see you." Her own voice was a bit broken as she spoke, but the significance of what she said was not felt by those about her. The next morning she was dead.

Wonders never cease. Senator Quay is father of a fiat money scheme for the retirement of the greenbacks. He wants notes issued in their place which the government will redeem in gold when it gets good and ready to do so. Nothing would be behind these notes but the government's promise.

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