

## Lung Diseases Lead Army Ills

Estimated That There Are 40,000 Cases Which Will Require Supervision

Out of 7,710 cases of discharged disabled men from army, navy and marine corps whose cases have been passed upon by the war risk insurance bureau, and who therefore are eligible for free vocational retraining by the federal board for vocational education, 2,791, or 36.2 per cent, have tuberculosis or lung complaints.

The federal board stated it is informed that first and last there will be between thirty thousand and forty thousand tuberculosis cases. Not all of them will require vocational retraining, but the number expected is large.

These cases will be handled on a separate basis from the rest of the injured and disabled men, and will require constant supervision and medical attention to insure the arresting of the disease and complete restoration to health.

This is the primary consideration, and training will be only such during this period as to furnish enough occupation to keep the patient busy, contented and hopeful.

Canada has been very successful in dealing with her tuberculous army men, and the Canadian system will, in many particulars, be followed by the federal board with men of the United States forces.

The old idea that a man recovered from tuberculosis should do nothing but out-of-doors work is exploded, and, according to the federal board, there is a great variety of indoor occupations he can follow with perfect safety, provided his living and working conditions are proper.

According to official advice the total of "major amputation cases" in the United States forces to date is 3,034, of which 2,308 are arm and leg cases, and of these approximately 600 are arm amputations and 1,708 are leg amputations. The remaining 726 are hands, feet and two or more fingers.

Not all of these men require special training to enable them to make a living, the federal board for vocational education points out; in fact, the percentage is smaller than one would imagine. A lawyer, doctor, draftsman, bookkeeper, dentist, stenographer, office man or salesman is not necessarily affected unfavorably in making a living by reason of having lost a leg; but the loss of an arm may be a very serious matter.

Those who in the main require re-education on account of leg or arm amputations are farmers, artisans whose trade required great activity, such as carpenters, teamsters, structural iron workers and the like.

There are no hard and fast rules, and cannot be, for each case must be judged on its own merits, as for instance that of a professional violinist, who, having lost a finger joint of his left hand, found his occupation utterly gone and had to learn to do something else for a living.

## The Monroe Doctrine

As Announced in Message to Congress in 1823

The Monroe doctrine, as announced by President Monroe in his message to congress in 1823, was a simple statement of the attitude of this country toward the South American republics. Henry Clay had made an effort to have the independence of these republics recognized, and in 1822 their independence was acknowledged by congress. President Monroe had recalled John Quincy Adams from the court of St. James to become his secretary of state, and many historians credit Adams with the authorship of the message, in which the doctrine was stated as follows:

"As a principle, the American continents, by the free and independent position which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European power."

## Eucalyptus Fastest Growing of Any of Hard Wood Trees

Hard, fine grained, durable wood usually grows slowly. A most remarkable exception is the eucalyptus, and this gives the tree its great value in reforestation. It is said that the eucalyptus grows five times as rapidly as any other tree. Seedlings have been observed to make an average growth of six inches a day, and one tree attained a height of 125 feet and a diameter of 36 inches in nine years. The eucalyptus will not thrive where there are frosts, but in the South it promises to go a long way toward filling the place once occupied by other hardwoods which have been greatly reduced by demands for furniture and cooperage stock.

## Mexican Oil Exports in 1918 Valued at 140,557,553.20 Pesos

Petroleum exported from Mexico during 1918 was valued at 140,557,553.20 pesos, according to data furnished by the department of petroleum of the government. Government duties on these exports amounted to 11,120,397.90 pesos. Of the 7,077,277 tons exported, 5,057,556 were crude petroleum and the remainder refined. From Tampico was shipped 5,250,000 tons, from Tuxpam 2,250,000 tons and from Puerto Mexico 149,554 tons.

## Simplest Remedies Found To Be Best Disinfectants During Severe Epidemics

Years ago Marseilles was visited by a great plague. Rich and poor died in their hundreds, and to rob the former four men invented aromatic vinegar, which, used as a disinfectant, enabled them to rifle the dead without fear of infection. During the great plague of 1665 those who were deputed to bury the dead always carried a phial of aromatic vinegar, and history tells us that whenever Cardinal Wolsey had cause to go among the poorer members of his flock he invariably held to his nose a golden orange filled with the same preventative. Canary wine, too, was used in 1665 as a disinfectant. Doctors carried little cassioles on the top of their canes, which they sniffed when visiting the stricken, and in the affected houses the smoke of juniper was used.

## GOOD JOKES

**Not Meant That Way.**  
"I see this show advertises a chorus of forty."  
"Better get some younger girls."

**Here, Here.**  
"This is a very worthy cause."  
"Hear, hear."  
"Where is the man who will contribute \$1,000 as a starter?"  
"The hear, hear" was not repeated.

**Visits.**  
"Angels' visits are few and far between."  
"It's different with my wife's relatives. Ain't no angels on that list, however."

**Fresh.**  
"Is this a strictly fresh egg?"  
"Strictly. The hen that laid it, ma'am, hasn't quit cackling over the fact yet."

**The Effect.**  
"There is one queer thing about a man when he is full."  
"What is that?"  
"He generally looks so vacant."

**Its Kind.**  
"Smith has a nice job on his hands."  
"What's that?"  
"To put his married son on his feet."

**The Special Kind.**  
"When a man courts a girl, it is deeds, not words, that count."  
"Yes, especially if they are real estate deeds."

**Natural Affinity.**  
"How came such a duck of a girl to marry that phoney doctor?"  
"Isn't it quite natural to find a duck with quack?"

**A Question.**  
"Yes, sir, we women can undertake any obligations that men can."  
"Does that include closing street car doors?"

**The Instinct.**  
"What is the first thing a man does when he gets a feather in his cap?"  
"What does he do?"  
"He plumes himself on it."

**Ways of the Sex.**  
Mr. Bingham—Why did that woman keep you standing at the door for half an hour?  
His Talkative Wife—She said she hadn't time to come in.

## Amusement Tax in Vogue More Than 150 Years Ago Declares London Writer

The entertainment tax of the present day was anticipated over 150 years ago by the inventive genius who proposed that all places of public diversion, including playhouses, operas, masquerades, Ranelagh, Vauxhall, Sadler's Wells and Astley's—the famous resorts of the fair and fashionable of his day—should be taxed, says a writer in London Tit-Bits. Another proposal was that the very statues in the garden—and the lakes and the groves, the grottoes and the temples of those days, were thick set with statues of heathen gods and goddesses—should have a price put on their heads. Time was when taxes were put on the watches attached to the seals that dangled from the fobs of the beaux or hung on the girdles that encircled the waists of the belles. Those who owned clocks were also regarded as fit subjects for special taxation.

The "guinea-pig" tax—the tax a householder had to pay for every person in his household who wore a pig-tail and covered his hair with powder—had its day and passed away. So, too, had a tax on soap—the impost that gave Lord North his nickname of "Old Soapsuds"—and a tax on salt. Gloves and mittens were once taxed, and so also were scores of other articles and the shops in which they were sold.

## Home Output of Peanut Oil Is Now Only Second to That Of Linseed and Cottonseed

The war has brought the peanut into its own. Before 1914 peanut oil was almost unknown as an article of domestic manufacture and thousands of gallons were imported every year from countries that grew no peanuts, although the South was producing millions of pounds and capable of increasing that production almost indefinitely. But in 1917 the output of peanut oil had so increased that it ranked third among all the vegetable oils made from home-grown products, being exceeded only by cottonseed oil and linseed oil. Peanut oil, it is pointed out by experts in ailment, serves practically the same food purposes as does cottonseed oil, and has the advantage that it can be obtained by cold pressing like olive oil, and becomes thereby a superior table oil. It has the advantage over cottonseed oil also in that the cake, after the oil is pressed out, forms a palatable human food very high in protein.

A survey by the federal bureau of markets shows the great gain in the production and use of peanuts, not only for oil but for peanut butter, and as a substitute for more costly nuts or as a component part in confectionery.

## Pineapple Fiber Cloth.

Aside from its edible qualities the pineapple is little known in this country, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. In China, however, it is especially cultivated for the use of the leaves in making cloth. The fiber is extracted from the leaves by a simple process, and made into thread. It is then run onto bobbins and spools, and is ready for weaving, the old native looms being employed.

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## Rhine Long a Boundary.

The first people who took possession of the banks of the Rhine, we are told, were the half-savage Celts, who afterward received the name Gauls. In the height of his glory Caesar crossed the Rhine and shortly afterward took the entire river under his jurisdiction. The river was, in Roman times, a boundary between the province of Gaul and the German tribes, and at a later date and until 1871 was the frontier between Germany and France.

## Two Timely Tips.

Iodine stains may be removed from bureau scarfs, towels, etc., by using peroxide. If the first application does not remove it let the article dry and try again. Do not use peroxide on colored clothes, as the color will come out as well as the stain.

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A small bottle of freezezone costs very little at any drug store, but will positively take off every hard or soft corn or callous. This should be tried as it is inexpensive and is said not to irritate the surrounding skin.

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One of the persistent charges of the intellectuals against the majority of people is that they are commonplace. That, of course, is a thing only a few avoid. Out of every hundred, ninety-seven are certainly commonplace, and what we call the intellectuals are not the exceptions.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

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