

DR MACKENZIE'S THEORY.

The unaccountable nature of the influenza commonly known as the gripe has invited the theories of all sorts and conditions of men, not to say of doctors, but among all no one is perhaps so well calculated to commend itself to confidence as that of Sir Morell Mackenzie, M D, who in a paper in the June Fortnightly asserts that in his opinion "the riddle of influenza is poisoned nerves," and from this hypothesis, arise "the bewildering diversity of symptoms becomes intelligible if we regard them as results of disordered nervous action." Dr Mackenzie compares it to the extraordinary disturbance in telegraphic systems produced by a thunderstorm, and says this is nothing "compared with the freaks played by the living conductors in the human body if anything throws the governing centres out of gear."

Now the theory of "poisoned nerves" is one that explains the almost infinite variety of attacks and curious freaks that mark the disease. No two persons, it is safe to say, have ever experienced precisely the same symptoms, and if it is a nervous disturbance this is the natural result. Dr Mackenzie regards the epidemic as falling under three general types, each of which include many varieties: these are the catarrhal, the digestive and the nervous. "Influenza," he says, "is the very Proteus of diseases, a malady which assumes so many forms that it seems to be not one but all diseases' epitome, and its symptomatology includes almost everything, from a cold in the head to inflammation of the brain. . . . It is really an acute specific fever, running a definite course like measles or scarlatina. . . . It is a disease with that superficial complexity of aspect which made Mrs Carlyle playfully suggest that the doctors had agreed to call half a dozen different diseases by one name in order to simplify treatment."

Dr Mackenzie adds that under all its disguises he believes the disease to be perfectly simple; that the profound impression made on the nervous system by the poison explains nearly all the after-effects of vital energy which is so disproportionately lost in comparison with the disease itself. The cause Dr Mackenzie believes to be a living germ, air-borne, but of what nature is not yet, he believes established.

The University of Rochester has this year the question fairly presented to it whether it will permit women, duly qualified, of course, to enter its classes. The matter has been presented to the board of trustees several times, and on each occasion an evasive answer has been returned. Last year an objection was made that the innovation would involve a considerable expense, which the trustees were not prepared to assume. Cornell University teaches women as well as men, and the citizens of Rochester generally wish that their university would take similar liberal ground. This year petitions were presented from various women's clubs of Rochester, representing several hundred of the representative women of the city, asking how much money would be required to admit young women to equal advantages with young men in the university classes. The question thus put is a poser, and will probably bring a favorable response.

The agitation in Germany against the high tariff on food products continues to alarm the government. Prices have advanced so that the reduction of duties is likely to become a necessity. Yet which ever way the government decides it is large to get into difficulty. Bismarck has large landed interests, and his policy has always been to make friends with German farmers. To him is due the policy of excluding foreign food products, and especially those from this country. So long as crops were good German farmers prospered under the high prices which the tariff secured: This year crops are poor, and to entirely exclude foreign products will be impossible without putting prices up to famine figures.

In the town of Kallies, Pomerania, a great potato country, the entire population of between 3000 and 4000 shut up their houses, leave the keys with the mayor, and scatter all over Pomerania to the potato harvest, leaving the mayor and bell-ringer alone in the charge of the town.

Russia's harvest is the worst on record. Prices of cereals rising hourly. Rye has never before been so dear. Winter crop in south and east Russia perished by frosts. In the Jewish colony at Rovnopol people are dying of hunger.

Prof Shaler of Harvard College and President Morrison of Boston University have discovered a petrified human body in Falling Spring Cave, Sequache Valley, Tenn. The body is perfect. Many curious weapons of copper were at his feet.

New York parties have been buying wild marsh hay at Jefferson, Wis., and will experiment with it for the manufacture of a cheap but superior article of binding twine.

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The foreign governments who are now attempting to control the immigration into the United States on national, race or religious lines are beginning altogether too late, and show little knowledge of the problem they have undertaken. Attempts to segregate immigrants under church or any other foreign control will be resented by the American people without regard to party. The policy of absorbing everything that comes and making it American cannot now be reversed. There are already millions of fully Americanized Citizens of foreign birth, and their success in every department of business and politics is greater than they could have by separating themselves from the mass of the people. A foreigner who does not intend to become one of us is not wanted here.

The English crops are very good. A large part of the winter wheat crop of France is destroyed, and more or less damage was done in all parts of the continent. In fact, barring Roumania, no country in Europe expects an average crop of wheat. In Russia the winter wheat crop has been badly injured, and spring wheat is in about average condition. In Europe nothing can prevent a great deficiency of wheat. Putting the American surplus wheat at the highest quantity within bounds of reasonable expectation, it cannot amount to half the expected European deficiency. Very little wheat can be expected from India after the end of August.

It has been usual to see the name of John Wanamaker heading the list of Philadelphia's business men and millionaires in their demands for political reform. By a remarkable oversight his name does not appear with the 150 republican magnates who demand that Quay shall be retired from party leadership. The firm name is still Quay and Wanamaker, and Mr Harrison was recently admitted to a ground floor interest.

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