LOUISIANA LEPERS.

How They Are Treated in the Acadian Colony by the Mississippi.

The discovery of two lepers in Philadelphia and the excitement which this event seems to have caused, was a modified reproduction of a far more serious affair, which, indeed, reached the dignity of a panic in a Southwestern Louisiana town last summer. It is a notorious fact that leprosy has existed and exists to-day in Southern Louisiana, but with rare exceptions it is confined to certain well defined localities, where the lepers live to themselves in colonies, holding no intercourse with their neighbors and separated wholly from the world. The two principal leper colonies are on the lower end of Bayou La Fourche and a prairie in Vermilion parish. The La Fourche lepers are the most numerous. They live in a swampy country, out of all lines of travel and, indeed, not easily reached. They are quiet, well-behaved people, inter-marrying with each other and thus perpetuating the fearful heritage to their children. The State Board of Health has made several attempts to investigate them, but they are so fearful of being arrested and taken up that they fled into the swamps when the officers visited them.

The existence of leprosy in the La Fourche district is well known, but the fact that the lepers held intercourse with those in good health, caused little alarm on their account. Early last summer, however, reports became current that leprosy existed in the town of St. Martinsville, the principal town of that section. St. Martinsville is known as the Acadian Paris. It is a town of 2,500 people, beautifully situated on the banks of the Teche, and one of the oldest settlements in the State. It is the seat of Longfellow's poem of "Evangeline," has a population of mainly Acadian origin, with old-fashioned houses, streets lined with orange trees, and with the civilization of France a century ago. It lies at the head of navigation on the Teche, and since a railroad has been built there, has become an important trade center, and does a large business with the surrounding country.

The rumor of leprosy was first heard last summer. The story gathered strength as it traveled, and within a couple of weeks had reached terrifying proportions. It was declared through all the surrounding country that there were from six hundred to one thousand lepers in St. Martinsville. The town was shunned as though it were plague-stricken. The people of the country refused to venture within its limits; its business died away, and a line was drawn around the town into which but few ventured. Every one suspected his neighbor of leprosy. Kissing and handshaking went out of practice, and the barbers had nothing to do because no one was brave enough to be shaved by a razor which might have been previously used on a leper. Two or three families who suffered from boils became pariahs, as every one refused to have any relations with them.

This condition of affairs, which continued for a few weeks, became finally intolerable, and the citizens of St. Martinsville requested the State Board of Health to send a committee to the town and investigate the alleged prevalance of leprosy there, so as to relieve the town of the panicky feeling. The president of the board himself went, an investigation was begun, the like of which has never before been seen. Every person in the town who was suspected, every one who had so much as a pimple on his face or hands was examined. The investigation showed that the leprosy story had this much foundation, that there were four persons, two women and two children, undoubtedly affected with this loathsome and disgusting disease, and two others who appeared to have it, but of whom it could not be fully determined. The lepers were removed and insolated, and the panic disappeared as rapidly as it had originated. The town of St. Martinsville is now free of the disease and doing its usual business.—*N. O. Cor. Philadelphia Press.*

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

—Natives near Asheville, N. C., get $1.75 a pound for ginseng root, which they dig in the woods, for exportation to China.

—"Who is this man Call Loan?" inquired an intelligent juror in the Harper bank case at Cincinnati, after he had heard the phrase repeated several times.

—A freight-car labeled "powder" standing at Phillipsburg, Pa., for two days, created much uneasiness. When opened it was found to contain apples, and the barrels were all full.

—As an evidence of the progress made by the negroes in the South since the war, it is shown by late statistics that in three States—Georgia, South Carolina and Louisiana—they pay taxes on forty-eight million dollars worth of property.

—For many years one of the landmarks in Oglethorpe County, Ga., was the "Old Treaty Oak," under which the first settlers made the treaty with the Cherokee Indians for all the land in that part of the State. The tree has recently died of girdling.

—The trustees of the East river bridge have been offered twenty-five thousand dollars a year by a business man for the privilege of making the bridge a bill-board for his advertising placards. It is to be hoped that such a hideous disfigurement will not be permitted.

—In Oglethorpe, Ga., there is growing a potato which has inscribed upon one side of it the letter "B" as perfect as if it had been made by hand, but this grew this way and the hand of nature did the work. And to make the potato a more wonderful thing, the letter thereon was the initial of the gentleman who raised it.

—When the conductor of a Louisville street car asked John Duvall, a passenger, for his fare the other evening, John jumped up, flopped his hands about as if they were wings and shouted: "Get thee behind me, Satan. I am an angel, and angels pay no fare." But the conductor was hard-hearted and cast John forth into the outer darkness.

CLEANING SILVER.

Valuabl Suggestions on a Matter That Puzzles Many Housekeepers.

Every housekeeper has her own way of doing her housework, and the cleaning of silver is no exception to the rule. Some part of a day every week or every two weeks is set aside for this work, and no matter what may happen this is seldom neglected. All that in every-day use, and usually that which is used very little only on certain occasions, is taken out and given a thorough cleaning. If proper attention were given to the every-day care of silver, there would be no necessity of scouring it every week or even every two weeks. It does not improve silver in the end to clean it too often. If it is solid metal and you should like to pass it off as a family hierloom, by all means scour it as often as you can and wash it in soap suds, and in a short while, if it is of antique pattern, any one will readily believe that it belonged to your great-grandmother, and excuse its appearance by remarking: "They used a great deal of pewter in those days." If it is plated, which is generally the kind most in use nowadays, the plate will wear off soon enough without any help from you in scouring.

Do not use the same towels you wipe your dishes with for the silver. The coarse crash, though very nice for crockery, is not fit for silver or glassware. The checkered toweling which comes especially for this work, and can be bought at any dry-goods store, is just the thing, and a half-dozen of these towels, at least, should be in every house. After each meal gather all the silver together, have ready a pan of hot water, in which put a little borax or a few drops of ammonia; into this put all the small silver and let it stand until you have all the things cleared away and are ready to wash the dishes. While going back and forth give the pan a shaking, now and then, so as to separate the silver and allow the water to get to every part of it. By the time the table is cleared the water will be cool enough to allow the removal of the siver without barboiling the hands. Take out of the water and wipe it thoroughly dry. In the case of egg, acid fruit or vinegar stains it may be necessary to give stained articles a slight rubbing, but unless the stains are very deep the borax or ammonia will do the work of scouring and no rubbing is required. Silver treated in this way will not need to be cleaned more than once a month, and that it shall be cleaned as often as this will be at the option of the housekeeper. I have known silver that had been cared for as above to go for one year without a thorough cleaning, and then look brighter and nicer than that which had been cleaned every two weeks. When silver ice-water services and tea-sets are in constant use, each piece should be thoroughly washed once a week in hot borax or ammonia water, which will keep them brighter and nicer than frequent scourings would ever do. To be sure, the cream pitcher will have to have a daily washing the same as the small silver. When there is no ammonia or borax at hand use clear hot water. Never on any account use soap in the water unless you want your silver to lose its luster and look like pewter. In using the ammonia a half-teaspoonful to a large pan of water is plenty for a large quantity of silver, and usually a quarter of a teaspoonful is sufficient. It is with ammonia as with many other things, a little of it does a great deal of good, but a great deal of it may do more harm than good.

For the general cleaning use ammonia and whiting. This can be bought already mixed, or may be prepared at home by mixing in a dish ammonia and whiting to the consistency of cream. Make only a little at a time, as it dries very quickly. Have a large and a small piece of flannel, a piece of chamois and two tooth-brushes. With the small piece of flannel apply the mixture to the articles to be cleaned, rubbing but very slightly, as the mixture does the work with only slight assistance. Use one toothbrush for applying the mixture between the prongs of the forks and into all rough and chased work, and the other brush to remove it when dry. As each article is cleaned lay it aside without wiping until all are done. Commence with the first article cleaned and wipe thoroughly with the large piece of flannel, using the dry toothbrush for all chased work and crevices. When all are wiped well go over them again with the piece of chamois for a final polish.

Silver not in general use can be cleaned in this way, wrapped tightly in flannel, or, that lacking, newspapers will do, packed away in a dry place, and when wanted taken out as bright and clean as on the day it was put away.—*Boston Budget.*

No Cause for Complaint.

"How are times, Uncle Jerry?" he asked an old colored whitewasher on the market yesterday.

"Very fa'r, sah—very fa'r."

"Then your business is rushing, eh?"

"Seems to be, sah. My wife has airned ober fo' dollars at washin' dis week, and' de chill'en has picked up a suit of clothes an' a basket of vittles. I can't complain' sah—can't complain."—*Detroit Free Press.*

HUMOROUS.

—We've known several women to be outspoken, but we're still looking for one that's been outtalked.—*Duluth Paragrapher.*

—Mother—"You must put your dollie away to-day, Flossie; it's Sunday, you know." Flossie—"I'm just playing she's dead, mamma, and we're having a funeral."

—"We've got a hen that laid two eggs in one day," boasted a six-year-old girl to a companion. "That's nothing! My papa has laid a corner-stone."—*Philadelphia Times.*

—A new style of carving-knife has been invented which works on the plan of scissors. If it can find the joint in the leg of a duck, we'll agree to buy one and join the church.—*Life.*

RAMESES THE GREAT.

Thoughts Suggested by an Inspector of the Mighty Pharaoh's Mummy.

The mummy of Rameses the Great was discovered in 1881, in the tomb of the priest-kings at Dayr-al-Bahari, in the territory of Thebes. This Rameses is generally accepted as being the Pharaoh of the Hebrew oppression, for whom the Israelites built the royal residence-cities of Raamses and Pithom, and whose daughter found the infant Moses and adopted him as her son. The mummy was identified as being that of Rameses the Great by the official entries bearing date the sixth and sixteenth years of the reign of the high priest Her-hor Se-Amen, and the high priest Pinotem I., written in black ink upon the lid of the wooden mummy-case, and another entry of the sixteenth year of the high priest Pinotem I., written upon the outer winding sheet of the mummy, over the region of the breast.

The mummy was unwrapped in the presence of Khedive Towfeek and a number of illustrious individuals. The wrappings were of fine linen, covering the body in a number of layers and foldings. On one of these was found a figure representing the Goddess Nut. The wrappings are now thrown loosely over the body so that they cover a greater part of it as it lies in its coffin. The body lies in the Egyptian Museum at Boulak, in its own coffin, which in turn is enclosed in another case having the top-piece glass. It was the writer's privilege during the past summer to visit and look upon the mummy of the great Rameses a number of times.

In appearance and as to color the body is overspread with a yellowish hue. The skin and flesh tissues cover the body dry, hard, thin, having been greatly reduced through the process of mumification. The top of the head is bare, a few hairs appears on the temples, a heavier growth is seen at the base of the head, while the mustache and beard are thin and closely cut, the eyebrows being white and thick. The forehead is not large; the brow-ridge is prominent; the eyes are small; the nose is long, thin and aquiline; and owing largely to the process of mumification the cheek bones and chin necessarily appear to stand out very prominently, while the temples and cheeks are sunken. The breast is broad; the arms are crossed over it; the hands are small, and, as also the feet, dyed with henna. After visiting it a number of times, and studying it at some length, I certainly failed to see in the mummy of the great Rameses what some have thought they saw, an expression "unintellectual, perhaps slightly animal." What is apparent, however, and what others have declared as plainly to be seen, is an air of courage, strength, ambition, kingly resolve, sovereign majesty, and which certainly comports with the history of this almost if not quite the greatest ruler of the monarchy of the Pharaohs.

It is a unique experience to stand repeatedly and for some time beside the mummied remains of the Rameses. The thoughts and feelings that come to a person in that position, looking upon that form and into that face, are strange and impressive beyond expression. You are looking into the face of a man who, thirty-two centuries ago, flourished as the greatest monarch of the mightiest empire on earth; the man whose conquering hosts swept and subdued the nations from the northern hills of Syria to the Nubian gold mines on the south; the man whose trading posts dotted the lands while his naval and commercial fleets traversed the rivers and seas; the man whose architectural achievements had changed the "field of Zoan" into a territory of temples, and whose miracles in stone rose and stretched along the banks of the sacred river from the shores of the Mediterranean to the borders of Ethiopia; the man who had wondrously advanced in wisdom and glorified the worship of the Egyptians; the man whose praises had been sung by poets, priests and peoples, as the conquering Pharaoh and impersonation of Divinity; the man who in God-defying might had oppressed the chosen people while yet being himself a chosen instrument of God in preparing that people to become, in Egypt, according to the promise to Jacob, a great nation; the man who doubtless had seen and talked to that member of his household who by adoption was his grandson—Moses, the Leader and Lawgiver of Israel.

To look upon the face of that man, and have that face recall vividly such memories as these, is to sense a strange experience, is to make a strangely real passage over the waking dreams of the present into the mighty dynasties of the past.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

—A new occupation recommended for semi-invalids by a Philadelphia writer is the making of artificial flies for fishing purposes. The tools required are a small pair of sharp scissors, a pair of spring plyers, a long pin, and a small piece of cobbler's wax. The materials are breast and tail feathers of fowls and game, with silver and gold tinsels, a little fine sewing silk of all colors, some Berlin wool, stained gut, and hooks of various sizes.

—Jack McCloy, the noted Niagara Falls guide, accomplished another of his daring feats recently by removing an advertising sign on one of the small islands above the falls which the reservation commission has long wanted removed. McCloy crept through the water that was rushing along at a twenty-five mile rate with the aid of a spike and rope to the island. It is stated that Jack will be presented with a medal for saving the lives of several persons by the Government.

—The introduction of the incandescent electric lamp has offered the means of providing the diver with a better illumination for his work under water without adding any great additional complication to his dress. By means of a small lantern screwed to the upper sight-hole of the helmet a fifty-candle incandescent lamp can be carried in any way, which leaves the hands of the diver perfectly free and at the same time insures that the rays of light shall always follow the direction of his glances and fall upon his work. A powerful reflector concentrates the beam.—*Public Opinion.*

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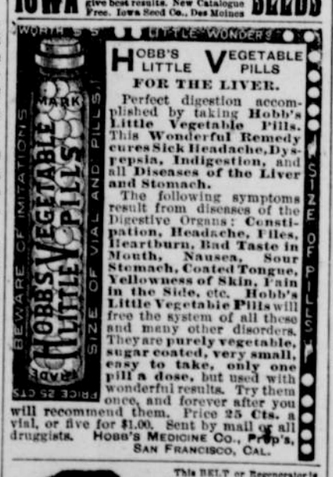

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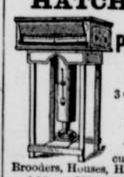

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