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THE MICROBE OF DEATH.

Astonishing Discovery in Bacteriology Made by Dr. Lloyd Parker.

A special correspondence of the *Globe-Democrat* from New York says a discovery has just been made by the well-known physician Dr. Lloyd Parker, M. B., which, if substantiated, as it seems almost certain to be, will create a revolution, not only in medical sciences, but in the whole economy of life to which Newton's discovery of the law of gravitation will seem as mere child's play.

Hitherto each experiment has served to confirm the conclusion arrived at by the discovery, that death itself is caused by a certain specific microbe, that can be recognized and bred, just as the microbes of various diseases have been discovered and propagated by Koch, Pasteur and the other bacteriologists. The labors of these great men have made further discovery possible, and it was through the study of their achievements that Dr. Parker conceived the idea that, inasmuch as disease was caused by these infinitesimal derangers of the human system, the culmination of disease must have its own specific microbe to put the finish to the work of dissolution, without which, the various organs of the body, distempered and degraded from their pristine purity and vital activity, would remain a purulent mass of living corruption unable to resolve itself into its primal elements and to form other combinations, a process which we see taking place every day as defunct animal matter sinks into the earth or vanishes into the air to afford food for new and active organisms.

Reasoning thus, Dr. Parker commenced a series of experiments, with the design of finding that microbe though he should devote all his energies and all his time to the search.

Dr. Parker is a quiet, reserved and gentlemanly man, of an extremely studious habit and little given to taking part in the ordinary trifles of life. From his earliest youth he has been an ardent and painstaking microscopist and his labors have been rewarded by many and strange discoveries all tending towards the same point and culminating in this last and greatest of all, the microbe of death.

After a long course of experiments on various bodies, animal and vegetable, the strange phenomenon of the death of the Japanese day lily, occurred to him. Why this plant should bloom for twelve hours only, and then die, absolutely and entirely, not merely folding its calyx and going to sleep like other flowers, but literally giving up the ghost, as it were, and fading into nothingness, was the question he set himself to answer. For months he studied this fragile plant, and at length discovered, by the use of a powerful microscope, a curious thing imbedded in the very heart of the root. Invisible to the naked eye, it appeared under the lens as a hair-like spiral, that kept continually rolling and unrolling itself in an uncanny motion, different to that of any of those rod-like bacteria that had ever before come under his notice.

The flower was in full bloom, and apparently quite uninjured by his researches into the bulb from whence it grew. But when he exposed the little moving, writhing atom, by the aid of an exceedingly fine cambric needle, the leaves drooped, the flower withered, and the plant died, in the twinkling of an eye. Rapid decomposition followed, and in an incredibly short space of time the flower had disappeared, leaving nothing but a slight, glairy scum and a subtle scent that permeated the atmosphere of the room.

The discovery was made, the microbe of death was found!

In an interview, Dr. Parker told of his discovery and further investigation thus:

"When I had recovered from the excitement I felt at this strange result of my experiments I reasoned that, as the discovery of this strange microbe had caused the premature death of the lily, it was rather the microbe of life I had destroyed than that of death. To determine the question, I took another flower in a like state of floral vigor, and, with a very delicate scalpel, completely extracted the strange little squirming object, and closed up the orifice in the bulb by luting it with damp clay, as gardeners do in grafting. To my surprise the flower, instead of withering, seemed to blossom into fuller exuberance, as if some malefic influence had been taken from it.

"I put it carefully upon a shelf and watched it until evening, expecting to see it fade and die as the other flowers had invariably done. But, to my astonishment, it gave no sign of weakness, but it folded its petals after the manner of other lilies, and evidently enjoyed a healthful and restorative slumber.

"I left it carefully guarded from accident, and on visiting it the next morning I found it in full vigor and giving no signs of dissolution. I watered it plentifully, and, taking some other flowers of the same species, subjected them to like treatment, with the result that my room was soon converted into a bower of ever-blooming lilies, none of which seemed to have the least inclination to fade in winter, and this state of floral immortality has lasted now for months. Of course, I could not doubt that the little wriggling atom I had extracted was the latent cause of death and had been suddenly and unduly excited by my touch with the cambric needle in the instance of the first flower, just as the Indian hooded cobra is excited and rendered more virulent by the touch of a rod or a whip.

"The microbes which I had extracted from the other flowers were still continuing their spiral gyrations imbedded in the portion of the bulbs that I had taken away with them and which now were slowly rotting and developing a most disagreeable and corpse-like smell.

"I set myself, therefore, to the task of finding out some chemical means of destroying them, and, after many experiments, succeeded in discovering that the vapor of pyroligneous acid, combined with some other substances, the names and quantities of which I am not yet prepared to make public, instantaneously destroyed this curious micro-organism, leaving no trace discoverable under the strongest magnifying powers of the microscope.

"Having succeeded so well with the vegetable kingdom, I proceeded to experiment on the lower orders of the animal and selected the ephemerae, insects that live but for a day, as my subjects. Here again I was successful. May flies, midges and the various tribes of gnats were exposed to the purifying influence of the vapor I had discovered, and, one and all, continued in life till they became so annoying that I was forced to catch them in gauze nets and annihilate them by violent means, which, by destroying their absolute bodies, rendered further existence impossible, as, even though deprived of the microbe of death and capable of living on forever, life, is impossible without bodily organs.

"Rising in the scale of creation, my next experiment was made upon the amphibia, and there is a certain pond in the neighborhood of Southampton which is so thickly inhabited by immortal newts and everliving frogs that I was obliged to discontinue my experiments in that direction, lest I should bring about a renewal of the antediluvian period, when the earth was given over to reptiles.

"Advancing still further, I, to use the vulgar expression, 'tried it on a dog,' and here (pointing to a St. Bernard) is the result of my experiment. When I first began with him, he was in the last stage of canine decrepitude. He was old, mangy and rheumatic, and look at him now! The impersonation of health and vigor! As yet I have not ventured to apply my discoveries to man. But I have no doubt that so far as his bodily structure is concerned, his life may be continued indefinitely. The spiritual part of his nature, however, is beyond my ken. As a medical man, I deal with body not with soul. I shall continue my researches carefully and prudently, verifying my experience as I go on. It will, of course, take some years to prove whether the life that is continued by the abstraction of what I have ventured to call the microbe of death is transient or permanent, whether it is a mere invigoration through the withdrawal of a noxious influence or an absolute immortality, on this earth at least; and till the end of my experiments has arrived, I shall keep my secret as to the means and the manner, confident that, at present, I should do more harm than good by divulging it further."

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We have given the question of protection to American agriculture considerable thought and consideration in the past, but since our attention was directed to this particular proposition by Mr. David Lubin of Sacramento, we have devoted considerable time to the question of an export bounty on American wheat and other staple products. The payment of export bounties is not a new proposition. It is new only so far as its application to American exports is concerned. This being a protected country protection to American agriculture by a bounty on staple products exported, is a grave as well as intricate question, and requires time and deep study to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. The general proposition is not new. England, in 1689, passed laws requiring the payment of a bounty upon staple agricultural products exported from that country so long as the price remained below profitable figure to producers. History tells us that export bounties paid by European countries proved satisfactory and gave new life to the industry and added wealth to the country.

We are convinced that American agriculture is sadly in need of a tonic at this time. New life should be infused into the farming industry. It is plain to all observers that this industry has fallen into a serious decline. The average American farmer is not only indisposed but sick; sick in mind and body from overwork and small pay—working from early morn till late at night with little fee or reward. The truth of the matter is, that the tiller of the soil bears a very large share of the burdens of the merchant, manufacturer, artisan and clerk in the matter of imported luxuries. Under normal conditions, agriculture represents the pulse of trade. When the farmers of any country are prosperous that entire country enjoys prosperity. But the moment agriculture becomes depressed and prices suffer a decline below the cost of production, that moment trade falls off, commerce becomes stagnant, financial panics alarm the bankers, manufacturers' credits are cut down, workmen are thrown out of employment and a general state of unrest is noticeable among the laboring classes.

This is the condition in which we find our country to-day. Labor strikes and other serious drawbacks to general prosperity are prevalent. What is to become of the hundreds of thousands of people now out of employment? They must be permitted to earn a living. They have been driven from our shops and factories by the introduction of new, improved, automatic machinery. Machinery and improved methods have aided the manufacturer and reduced the cost of nearly all lines of manufactured articles but to the disadvantage and detriment of the laboring classes. This displacement of labor by machinery is fast becoming a serious problem in the United States and elsewhere. It is a condition that must be met fairly and squarely by property-owners. Labor must be provided for. There is ample room for this surplus labor in the country in tilling the soil. But under present conditions there is little or no inducement for the idle to engage in farming.

Something must be done to revive the agricultural and shipping interests of this country. America cannot hold out against the great competition offered by Russia, India and Argentine in the production of wheat. The world's price for wheat is made in Liverpool, or free trade England, based upon the supply and demand, and the purchasing power of English gold as compared with the silver rupee of India or the peso of South America. The introduction of our improved agricultural machinery in Russia, India and Argentina will place those wheat producing countries in a position to largely overstock the markets of the world, thereby further reducing the world's price. As to the method of applying the necessary protection to American agriculture, we will have nothing to say at this time, but will simply urge that earnest consideration be given to the condition of our shipping and agricultural interests. The American manufacturer and factory laborer are both protected; why not place the American farmer in an equally favored position?—*California Fruit Grower.*

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THE NEXT STATE.

The constitutional convention of Utah has finished its work, and the result is likely to be indorsed by the people at the next November election, when state officers, congressmen and a legislature will be chosen. In several respects, the constitution thus framed is a document of more than ordinary interest and significance. It disposes of the thing which has principally stood in the way of Utah's admission as a state up to this time by prohibiting polygamy. This means not only that a majority of the people are against the plural wife system, but also that the power of the Mormon priesthood in civil affairs has been broken, and that henceforth religious fanaticism and corruption will count for little or nothing so far as the regulation of political matters is concerned. At the same time the right to vote and hold office is given to women, as a conclusive guarantee of the sincerity and permanence of the exclusion of polygamy, since it is certain that the sex which has furnished the victims of that abomination will never permit it to be reintroduced even if the men should favor such an act of perfidy and degradation. There are other reasons, to be sure, for placing the ballot in the hands of the women, but in the case of Utah this is the most cogent and important one.

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OREGON NEWS AND NOTES.

Otto Heins' a Tillamook photographer, has fallen heir to $100,000, by the closing up of an estate in Germany.

The Crown paper mills of Oregon City have an order from one firm of fruit growers in California for 87 tons of fruit paper.

Edith, eldest daughter of Hon. Thos. H. Tongue of Hillsboro, was married Wednesday of last week to Mr. A. E. Reams, a lawyer of East Portland.

Prof. Parvin, after twelve years service as director of the musical department of Willamette University, has resigned, and will be succeeded by Prof. Heritage, late of Valparaiso, Indiana.

A new postoffice called Mule has been established in Anderson valley, Harney county, with James F. Mahan as postmaster. In casting about for a name the people over there could not agree, and as Mr. Mahan raises mules, and as the postoffice department is partial to short names, it was decided that Mule would about fit the case, and the name was adopted.

In some localities the wire worm is creating sad havoc with plant life. Some spots in Jackson bottom are alive with them. One day last week, while at work in his onions, Mr. John Masters pulled up a weed with a short stocky root, and found no less than thirty-seven worms hanging to it. A yellow dock root had over twenty. Mr. Masters sowed salt last year with benefit. He has done the same again, using 400 pounds to the acre, sown broadcast. Since his salting this year there has not been sufficient time elapsed to note the effect.—*Hillsboro Independent.*

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Representative Hermann, of Oregon, has raised a very important question in the interior department in relation to Indian schools on reservations where allotments in severalty have occurred. He has presented the right of a state to extend its common school system over the Indians' land, with the right to establish school districts in the reservation, and for the Indians the right to choose teachers according to the school law, and to be under the law for taxation purposes, except as to the lands held by allotment only. The Indian bureau is inclined to take this view, and further, to hold that it may aid such schools from the fund out of which it already contributes to some district school certain sums for each Indian taught in them. Mr. Hermann has formally presented the matter to the secretary, and it will likely soon be submitted to the attorney-general, as the department says it is the first time the question has come in this shape. Indians on allotments, being now citizens, assert their right to enjoy a common-school education.

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A Kansas man has discovered that brandy can be made from wet elm sawdust, and a discouraged prohibitionist asks what chance the good cause will have when a man can go forth with a rip saw and get drunk on a fence rail.

The prices of shoes are to be advanced on account of the increased cost of leather under the new tariff law—a conclusive reason why democrats who do not go barefooted should vote the republican ticket.

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