

### Infection.

The process by which disease is usually conveyed from one person to another is termed infection, and the means by which infectious is caused are often very curious.

In Scotland a servant girl fell ill with scarlet fever, and died. Her "kist," or trunk, containing her clothing, was sent home to her relations. On the way it lay some weeks at a station on the railroad. The children of the ticket agent played about it, and were soon struck down with scarlet fever. The contents were finally dispersed as presents among the deceased girl, and wherever they were taken in, scarlet fever found its victims. The only good resulting from the prevalence of the fever was that it afforded a barrier to a more virulent type coming from another quarter.— On reaching this village the latter wave was arrested, persons being very rarely attacked a second time.

Infection is sometimes carried by animals.— A gentleman, who lost two children by malignant scarlet fever, made great search for the origin of the disease. For a long time he could discover nothing. At last it appeared that a pup with which his children had played had been reared in a house where there was scarlatina, and had carried the poisonous matter in his woolly hair.

### The Fence Story.

A man who prided himself on his morality, who was constantly saying; "I am doing pretty well on the whole; I sometimes get mad and swear, but then I am strictly honest; I work on Sunday when I am particularly busy, but I give a good deal to the poor, and I never was drunk in my life"—This man once hired a canny Scotchman to build a fence around his lot, and gave him very particular directions as to his work. In the evening when the Scotchman came in from his labor the man said:

"Well, Jock, is the fence built and is it tight and strong?"

"I cannot say it is all tight and strong," replied Jock, "but it is a good average fence, anyhow. Its some parts are a little weak, others are extra strong. I don't know but I may have left a gap here and there a yard wide or so, but then I made up for it by doubling the number of rails on each side of the gap. I dare say the cattle will find it a very good fence on the whole, and will like it, though I cannot just say that it's perfect in every part."

"What!" cried the man, not seeing the point. "Do you tell me that you have built a fence around my lot with weak places in it, and gaps in it? Why you might as well have built no fence at all. If there is one opening, or a place where an opening can be made, the cattle will be sure to find it, and will all go through. Don't you know, man, that a fence must be perfect or it is worthless?"

"I used to think so," said the Scotchman, "but I hear you talk so much about averaging matters with the Lord, seems to me that we might try it with the cattle. If an average fence won't do for them, I am afraid that an average character won't do in the day of judgement. When I was on shipboard, and a storm was driving us on the rocks, the captain cried; 'Let go the anchor! But the mate shouted back 'There is a broken link in the cable. Did the captain say, when he heard that: 'No matter, it's only one link; the rest of the chain is good. Ninety-nine of the one hundred links are strong. Its average is high. It only lacks one per cent of being perfect. Surely the anchor ought to respect so excellent a chain, and not break away from it.' No indeed; he shouted: Get another chain!"

"He knew that a chain with one broken link was no chain at all. That he might as well throw the anchor overboard without any cable as with a defective one. So with the anchor of our souls. If there is the least flaw in the cable it is not safe to trust it. We had better throw it away and try to get a new one that we know is perfect."

Shoe dealer—"I find we have no number twelve shoes, sir; but here is a pair of large nines." Customer—"Nines! Do you take me for Cinderella?"

"I don't say that the eggs you sold me the other day were bad," said a man the other day to his grocer, "but I think the hen that laid them must have been pretty sick."

Two hundred and sixty-three years ago Sir Henry Walton said in a letter to a friend: An ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the good of the commonwealth.

It was a weakness of Mr. Ami Jackson to take a drop too much, and his habitual soliloquy when full was: "Am I Ami, or am I not Ami? If I am not Ami, who in thunder am I?"

### Starved in a Dining Room.

A touching story is that of the little wild bird that flew into the great dining-hall of the Grand Union Hotel at Saratoga, and could neither find its own way out nor be lured to safety by the kindly endeavors of the servants, though the entrances and the lower parts of the windows were nearly always open. The heavy upholstery of the upper half of the windows prevented its only chance of escape, so after fluttering bewildered among the forests of chandeliers for six days, guests all the time feasting at the tables below, it at length died of starvation, and was picked up on the floor.

### Display at Funerals.

An exchange in protesting against the custom of extravagant display that now prevails at funerals, says: This sort of thing should be stopped. Poor people make geese of themselves in rivaling each other at these ceremonies, and the rich—well, the rich are simply absurd. The extravagance of funeral ceremonies has increased to such a degree in this country as to become a serious burden to the living, and to lead to the formation of funeral reform societies. We are gratified to observe, therefore, that in the burial of one of our best known journalists there was an absence of display.

### The Pope's Household.

The Pope's household consists of 537 persons, the chief of whom are Cardinal Antonelli, the major-domo, the master of the chamber, the secretary, the steward, the governor, Gen. Kanzler, and five chamberlains. There are twenty persons employed in the secretary's office, fifteen in the administration of the palace, and eight in the secret printing house. The Pope has one groom of the chamber and six body servants. The apostolic chamber is composed of a president, twenty-three courtiers, three servants and three orderlies. Cardinal Antonelli and Gen. Kanzler have a suite of forty-eight persons, while the Swiss Guard and the Pontifical gendarmery number two hundred.

### The Mormon Chief.

A young lady writes from Utah some items of interest about Brigham Young. He was born in Vermont seventy-five years ago, and brought up to a carpenter's trade. In person he is rather commanding, and striking in appearance. He stands nearly six feet high, broad-shouldered and stocky, with the general physical aspect of a human bull. His head is of a moderate size, with strong developments of the basic and posterior regions of the cranium, and it is by no means lacking in anterior breadth. His hair is chestnut if not colored, abundant in growth, and combed in a pedantic style into a foretop to the right side, with somewhat of the lop of a sick rooster's comb. The impression received from the care bestowed on his hair is that of an overweening vanity and a desire to appear young. In Brigham Young the lowest type of humanity is depicted in his gentle-like, projecting lower jaw, avarice in his pinched mouth, harshness and ungodliness in every lineament of his revolting face; and still I have heard many Mormon women say: "What a beautiful and benevolent face he has!" To my eye it is among the worst faces I have ever seen. It expresses greatness of a peculiar cast, but it is that of the grossest ignorance which I have ever seen depicted in a person professing such a high position or so much ecclesiastical, civil and political renown.

### Advertisements.



#### WILMINGTON & WELDON RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

OFFICE GEN'L SUPERINTENDENT, }  
Wilmington, N. C., May 28, 1875. }

#### CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after June 1st, Passenger Trains on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad will run as follows:

##### MAIL TRAIN.

Leave Union Depot daily (Sundays excepted).....at 7:35 a. m.  
Arrive at Goldsboro..... 11:50 a. m.  
" Rocky Mount..... 2:00 p. m.  
" Weldon..... 3:50 p. m.  
Leave Weldon daily.....at 9:50 a. m.  
Arrive at Rocky Mount..... 11:35 a. m.  
" Goldsboro..... 1:37 p. m.  
" Union Depot..... 6:05 p. m.

##### EXPRESS TRAIN AND THROUGH FREIGHT TRAIN.

Leave Union Depot daily.....at 5: p. m.  
Arrive at Goldsboro..... 11:4 a. m.  
" Rocky Mount..... 2:0 a. m.  
" Weldon..... 6:00 a. m.  
Leave Weldon daily.....at 7:00 p. m.  
Arrive at Rocky Mount..... 9:00 p. m.  
" Goldsboro..... 12:50 a. m.  
" Union Depot..... 6:30 a. m.

Mail Train makes close connection at Weldon for all points North via Bay Line and Aquia Creek routes.

Express Train connects only with Aquia Creek route. Pullman's Palace Sleeping Cars on this Train.

Freight Trains will leave Wilmington tri-weekly at 5:00 a. m., and arrive at 1:40 p. m.

JOHN F. DIVINE,

General Superintendent.

#### SEABOARD & ROANOKE RAIL ROAD.

Office of the Superintendent of Transportation, of the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., Jan. 1 1875

On and after this date, trains of this Road will leave Weldon daily, Sundays excepted as follows:

Mail train.....at 4 p. m.  
No. 1 Freight train.....at 4 a. m.  
No. 2 Freight train.....at 8 a. m.  
Tuesdays and Fridays at.....at 8:00 a. m.

##### ARRIVE AT PORTSMOUTH.

Mail train.....at 7:15 p. m.  
No. 1 Freight train.....at 12, Noon.  
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Freight trains have a passenger car attached. Steamer for Edenton, Plymouth and landings on Black water and Chowan Rivers leave Franklin at 7:40 a. m., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

E. G. GHIO,  
Supt. of Transportation.

#### RALEIGH & GASTON RAILROAD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, }  
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 16th, 1875. }

On and after Monday, August 16th, 1875, trains on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad will run daily (Sunday excepted) as follows:

##### MAIL TRAIN.

Leaves Raleigh.....10:00 A. M.  
Arrives at Weldon..... 3:30 P. M.  
Leaves Weldon..... 10:00 A. M.  
Arrives at Raleigh..... 3:45 P. M.

##### ACCOMMODATION TRAIN.

Leaves Raleigh..... 5:00 A. M.  
Arrives at Weldon..... 5:25 P. M.  
Leaves Weldon..... 5:15 A. M.  
Arrives at Raleigh..... 5:40 P. M.

Mail train makes close connection at Weldon with the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and Bay Line Steamers via Baltimore, to and from all points North, West and Northwest, and with Petersburg Railroad via Petersburg, Richmond and Washington City, to and from all points North and Northwest.

And at Raleigh with the North Carolina Railroad to and from all points South and Southwest, and with the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line to Haywood and Fayetteville.

A. B. ANDREWS, Gen. Sup't.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, }  
Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 16th, 1875. }

On and after Monday, August 16th, 1875, trains on the R. & A. L. Road will run daily (Sunday excepted) as follows:

##### MAIL TRAIN.

Train leaves Raleigh.....4:00 A. M.  
Arrives at Cameron.....7:20 P. M.  
Train leaves Cameron.....6:30 A. M.  
Arrives at Raleigh.....9:45 A. M.

Mail Train makes close connection at Raleigh with the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, to and from all points North.

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