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CONSUMPTION PROCLAIMED CONTAGIOUS.—The first question discussed in the Medical Congress was a question which reaches and interests more directly, perhaps, than any other, every family.

It was a question of tubercle, its contagiousness and prophylactic. The question turned mainly on these two points: Is tubercular consumption contagious, and may it not be prevented by inoculation? I should tell you that the profession tired of being baffled by a disease so slow in its progress and yet so certainly fatal, have been experimenting of late years all over Europe, and that enough new facts have been arrived at to warrant a certain number of the experimenters to declare that tubercular phthisis is contagious, and that a healthy and an infected person ought not to sleep in the same bed.

Experiments have been made upon rabbits, and other animals, by inoculating under the skin the matter from tubercles, and those inoculated animals die consumptive in three months' time. The discussions of the Congress established no new doctrine in a positive way, but they brought out many valuable facts which will put the profession a step in advance in the right direction.

Correspondence New York Times.

A LIVE GORILLA IN NEW YORK.—The latest sensation at Barnum's Museum is a live gorilla, captured in the wilds of Africa, five feet and a half high, and cost \$8,000. The animal arrived on Tuesday, and great difficulty was experienced in transferring it from the cage in which it had made the voyage to the permanent cage in the Museum.

During the operation the gorilla displayed its great muscular strength by bending double a huge wrought iron bar an inch and three-quarters thick. It has a face and eyes like a human being, and its hand is as delicate as that of a woman. It is now securely in its cage, and held by an immense chain. This is the only specimen of the gorilla now on exhibition in this country.—N. Y. World.

Mr. Ernest Jones, at his recent lecture in Dublin, gave some interesting statistics. He said there were 71,000,000 acres in the three kingdoms. In 1770 there were 250,000 owners of this land. In 1856 the number had diminished to 32,000, and was still decreasing.

The Duke of Cleveland might ride twenty-three miles through his estate; the Duke of Devonshire had 96,000 acres in the county of Derby alone; the Duke of Richmond possessed 840,000 acres; and the Marquis of Breadalbane might ride 100 miles in a straight line through his property from his own house door.

Down East.—A Yankee peddler, passing a solitary house among the New Hampshire hills, noticed a dozen less one of hoes starting out on the road to get a glance at the stranger. Stopping his cart and calling to a man standing at the door, this colloquy ensued:

Peddler: I say! I have had a funeral here lately?

Man of the House: Not'st knows on. Why?

Peddler: Because I see there's one pane of glass that hain't got a face in it.

Man of the House: Tell your what, if you don't start along pretty darned quick there will be a funeral, and you'll go to it, tew.

The Milwaukee News tells of a "drummer" in La Crosse, who was trying to sell goods. The merchant with whom he was laboring, not approving of his prices, suggested that he could do better in another city, which he named. The traveling man, becoming offended, replied: "I won't say you lie, but I think you do."

In one second the astonished drummer found himself outside the store, with the wretched merchant yelling at him, "I won't say I have given you a black eye, but I think I have."

The following is a bit of advice which Mr. Greeley gives to the boys of to-day: "They say that apprenticeship is distasteful to you, and out of fashion with the boys of to-day; if so, I regret it for their sakes. To the youth who asks, 'How shall I obtain an education?' I would answer, 'Learn a trade of a good master. I hold firmly that most boys may thus better acquire the knowledge they need than by spending four years in college.'

A WATERFALL AS A LIFE-PRESERVER.—At Plainfield, a few evenings since, a team of horses attached to a carriage occupied by Mrs. W. B. T. Lee, took fright and ran away. Mrs. Lee was thrown from the vehicle, striking her head and shoulder heavily on the ground. She was taken up insensible and is now improving, and it is believed her life was saved by her waterfall, as it partially warded off the blow from her head.

The Superintendent of Schools in Buffalo, N. Y., has ejected the colored children from the public schools there. A school was set apart for colored people, but these parties preferred to go elsewhere. Their parents now threaten to sue the Superintendent under the Civil Rights bill.

The Memphis Bulletin publishes the business card of "Isham G. Harris, commission merchant, Liverpool, England." Mr. Harris was Governor of Tennessee at the breaking out of the war, and served with conspicuous gallantry in the cause of the confederacy in the Western campaign.