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BELIEVE GOVERNMENT HAS POISONED AIR.

Ignorance Assists Fever in Cutting Down Population of New Orleans. New Orleans Correspondence.

Poverty has added its woes to the pitiful results of the fever scourge. That ignorance is its own punishment is verified by the condition among the Italians. Those who have been stricken were principally of a class which does little other work than the unloading of banana steamships, can speak but little but Italian and distrusts anything and everything that is not of their race.

One Italian said yesterday to a board of health inspector that he believed the government had poisoned the air to get rid of the Italians. Such is their distrust that few will take medicine, and nearly all hide their disease until the last possible moment. Because of this delay in seeking medical assistance the great number of deaths has resulted. The fever is easily cured by present methods if the case is treated early enough.

The old German remedy for fevers which has been handed down from generation to generation for scores of years is practically the treatment being given by physicians. The first symptoms of the disease are a severe, splitting headache, followed by a severe chill. There is only one chill. If there are more it is not yellow fever. The patient is given a hot mustard foot-bath, a strong purgative, and put to bed under heavy blankets to perspire. Cooling cloths are applied to the head and chopped ice kept in the mouth to prevent nausea. The bowels and kidneys must be kept open, little food except milk given, and there you are. The fever rises steadily for three days. If it continues to rise thereafter the patient is as good as dead. If it breaks the result is speedy recovery.

Religious scenes are manifold in the Italian quarter. Food and raiment, with other necessities are being supplied to the poverty-stricken by the Italian societies and other organizations. In some families three or more members have died. Many cases have been reported as fever and as dead within an hour after discovery. But in this short time the other members of the family have scattered to other parts of the city, to stay in hiding with friends and relatives.

In scores of Catholic churches special masses and novenas are being said daily, asking the intercession of saints in this visitation. For the Italians look upon this as a visitation of Providence, a wreaking of vengeance for some great wrong of the past.

In the past, funerals of yellow fever patients were held at night. The body was placed in a box, carted to a cemetery and lowered into the waiting hole, to be quickly covered with lime and then with earth. To-day no restrictions are ordered. The entire town might attend a funeral if it so desires, irrespective as to the cause of death. No fear exists of infection except through the mosquitoes.

The quarantines have caused the greatest trouble. Only one per cent. of the population has been ill of fever, and one-fifth of that has died. There is absolutely no sign of panic or scare in this city, and contrary to all reports, trains are not crowded with refugees. In three weeks the railroad people report that they have carried out less people than in the same time in any previous summer.

Mississippi is the worst offender in the quarantine matter, but some sections of Louisiana are almost as bad. Shotgun quarantines have been publicly proclaimed by quite a number of small towns in both states, and even Baton Rouge, the capital of Louisiana, has armed guards on trains and dirt roads to prevent people from entering the town. Many of the towns have refused to accept mail from infected places unless it was fumigated, but as the government has accepted the mosquito theory in its entirety, no mail will be fumigated in this or any other city. This decision is final.

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"Is your son working?" asked the neighbor.

"Not yet," answered Farmer Corntassel.

"Can't he get a job?"

"He ain't satisfied with a job. He wants a position."

THE INFLUENCE OF THE MOON.

Charlotte Observer.

The statement of Prof. H. H. Hume, that the moon has no effect upon vegetation, has been the subject of considerable discussion in the county during the past several weeks. "The sun do move and no one need try to drill the idea into the heads of the people of the county that the moon has no effect upon the crops," remarked a prominent citizen of the county to an Observer man yesterday. And this is very true. There are some things that are deep-rooted in the minds of the people, and this is one of them.

"Prof. Hume should call upon an old woman who lives near Charlotte," said one of the best-known farmers of the county yesterday. "She is an old lady of unquestioned veracity and uncertain years, and one who is able to convince even a way-faring man of the truth of her statements. She is a firm believer that the old times are better than the new." She cites many incidents that would make interesting reading matter for Prof. Hume or any of his kind. A few of these are given below.

"To make the water of a spring clear and pure, the spring should be cleaned out Friday before each new moon." According to this old lady the rule has never failed, although it has been tried from time immemorial. "My grandmother always did this, my mother also, and I have never seen it fail yet." Prof. Hume should listen to the incidents recounted and he would hear some remarkable things.

The moon, according to this old lady, has some strange influence upon soap. The fact is well known that if soap is made at certain phases of the moon, then the material will not harden and the stuff will be of a very poor quality. On the other hand, if the process is carried out at other times, the liquid will harden and no difficulty will be experienced.

A sassafras paddle must invariably be used.

"Kraut must be made when the sign of the moon is in the head, otherwise something terrible will happen. Meat must be killed at certain times, or everything will go wrong."

And then, too, there are many other signs that are believed in by a large number of the country people, and Prof. Hume will have a vast deal of difficulty in convincing them of anything to the contrary.

Ants.

The American trail-maker was in form. "Talking of ants," he said, "we've got 'em as big as crabs out west. I guess I've seen 'em fight with long thorns, which they used as lances, charging each other like savages."

"They don't compare to the ants I saw in the east," said an inoffensive individual near by. "The natives have trained them as beasts of burden. One of 'em could trail a ton load for miles with ease. They worked willingly, but occasionally they turned on their attendants and killed them."

But this was drawing the long bow a little too far.

"I say, old chap," said a shocked voice from the corner, "what sort of ants were they?"

"Elephants," said the quiet man.

The Greatest General.

An old Confederate and a descendant of Israel one day were discussing who was the greatest military leader the world ever produced. The Southerner stood out for Stonewall Jackson, while the Israelite upset all precedent by claiming the honors of war for Moses.

"Moses?" cried the hero of Bull Run incredulously. "Why, he was no soldier; he was only a lawgiver."

"Yes, but he was a great general too," insisted the other. "Didn't he lead the armies of Israel through the wilderness for forty years?"

"On, as for that," retorted the Confederate, "Stonewall Jackson could beat him all to pieces. He led his army through the wilderness in three days."

DEAD MAN AT THE THROTTLE.

New York Dispatch, 14th.

The "Fast Flying Virginian," the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad's crack train, which leaves Jersey City over the Pennsylvania railroad for the South every evening, unknown to the passengers aboard, was in grave danger last night. There was a tragedy in the cab.

The train pulled out of Jersey City at 5:25 o'clock. It is a heavy one made up at this time of year usually of eight cars. There was a large number of passengers aboard, and the day coaches, which are at the head of the train, were especially well filled.

The first stop is at Princeton Junction. Trenton was reached a few minutes before 7 o'clock and Daniel Mahoney, the engineer, swung down from his cab here and walked around the locomotive to oil the machinery. A heavy thunderstorm had just spent itself, but others were piling black clouds in the West, and, early as it was, it was dark.

Scarcely had the train passed out of the cut through which the railroad runs in Trenton and across the bridge into Morrisville when Mahoney detected the odor of burning waste and called out to the fireman that they had a hot box. The fireman went and leaned against the engineer's seat and both agreed that the train could be run to Philadelphia.

The fireman went back to the fire door and after he had closed it climbed to his seat on the other side of the cab. Within a few minutes he saw the indicator in the steam gauge swinging back rapidly and then noticed that the train ran unusually fast. He looked at his watch and saw that the train was on time, but, supposing that the engineer knew his business, he slid down and set about making up the steam of the locomotive had lost. When he had a moment's rest he looked up and saw that the train was making more than 60 miles an hour.

As he stood looking out a red light flashed by, and after a moment another. He glanced questioning at the engineer, who, in the gloom of the cab, seemed to be bending over the throttle.

"For God's sake, check her, Dan!" he called out.

There was no answering movement from the engineer, and when the locomotive had dashed past a third signal the fireman, understanding, finally, that something was wrong, climbed upon the bench at Mahoney's side. He saw in a moment that the man was dead. His head had been crushed and was hanging from the cab window.

The fireman grasped the airbrake lever and the throttle and brought the runaway locomotive to a stop before the network of switches and sidetracks this side of Philadelphia was reached. The passengers knew nothing of their danger, and even the conductor did not know of the tragedy until the station was reached.

Mahoney must have leaned too far from the cab when he was watching the hotbox, as apparently his head had struck a post and he must have been killed instantly.

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THE NEGLECTED WIFE.

Atlanta Journal.

Professor Stewart Culin, curator of the Brooklyn Institute Museum and one of the world's greatest ethnologists, has been divorced by his displeased wife because he gave too much of his time and attention to scientific investigation and too little to her.

Serves him right!

In the enthusiasm and joy of her youth she thought she was marrying not a cabinet of ethnological curios but a man. And if the man withdraws himself from her and thrusts the other upon her she has a right to protest and demand release. At least, the court has so held, and most people will indorse the decision.

The absorbed scientist may lose himself in his studies, forgetting that his wife has nothing to lose herself in but himself. While he glows with enthusiasm over some discovery, she pines in loneliness.

And the scientist is by no means unique. Business men and professional men make the same mistake.

The absorption of a man in any pursuit making his life a success, often involves neglect of his wife, making her life a failure.

The distinguished ethnologist was very fond of his wife. But he turned from her to his ethnology. She, like millions of other wives, had reasonable comfort, but, like million of other wives again, she wanted her husband.

Women want attention. The attention may not be of the tenderest sort, but they want it. The average wife would rather have beatings than neglect. It is not the women whose husbands are coarse and abusive who go to the divorce courts as much as the women whose husbands neglect them.

There is but one thing worse for a wife than constant neglect, and that is constant attention. The wise husband will avoid both extremes.

The Horrors of War.

Harpur's Weekly.

The old gentleman in the smoking car was declaring vehemently, in his opinion, war a disgrace to civilization.

"War," he exclaimed, "is an abomination, a blot on the universe."

"Upon which he rose and left the car strongly on the subject," said some of the passengers. "Has he but some near relative through war?"

"Yes," answered a friend, "his wife's first husband."

AN EASIER WORD.

There is a public school teacher in Brooklyn whose work lies in the heart of the negro section. Among her pupils, says the New York Times, is one Andrew Jackson Johnson, who had lately been absent two weeks or more.

Finally he returned, looking somewhat the worse for wear, and as a matter of course the teacher asked for his "excuse." Thereupon Andrew handed out this note:

Der teacher Please be so kind as to excuse Andrew for not gettin around he had the smallpox till today.

Mrs. Johnson.

"Smallpox!" cried the teacher, excitedly. "Smallpox! Out! Go out, and take that note with you!"

The boy picked up the note and fled. Ten minutes later, while the teacher and the principal of the school were hunting up health-board regulations, a stout negro woman shuffled into the office.

"I'm Mrs. Johnson," she explained. "You sent my boy home kase I writ he had smallpox."

"Get out!" shrieked the teachers, in terrified chorus.

"I just wanted fo' to tell you, and continued Mrs. Johnson, backing toward the door, "I just wanted fo' to say dat Andrew didn't have no smallpox."

"He didn't?"

"No'm, he didn't," Mrs. Johnson affirmed. "He had ce' lo-spinals-men and git us, but I disremembered how to spell that, so I writ smallpox in the note."

Daughter of Wanamaker is Escorted to Dinner by Booker Washington.

WASHINGTON, N. Y., Aug. 11—Booker T. Washington's appearance at dinner yesterday in the great dining room of the Nited States hotel caused a mild sensation among the diners.

Washington was the guest of John Wanamaker, former postmaster general, and acted as escort for Mrs. Barclay Warburton, Mr. Wanamaker's daughter, while Mr. Wanamaker walked to the table with J. R. E. Roberts.

Washington preached here three times yesterday, first at the Presbyterian church, in the Baptist church, and late in the evening in the African Methodist church.

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