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## WHEN SECRECY IS A CRIME.

### How Secrecy With Consumptives About Their Diseases Fools Them Into an Early Grave—A Letter to the Point.

The worst thing you can do for a consumptive is to keep him from knowing that he is a consumptive. We used to think that telling folks the truth about themselves when they had consumption would scare them to death. Somehow some of them found it out in spite of us and instead of being scared to death they set about taking the cure and got well. Most of those we didn't tell found it out too late or aggravated their cases through ignorance and died in consumptives' graves in due time.

The State Board of Health is in receipt of a letter from a gentleman asking one of his associates who is known to be a consumptive. The consumptive's family and friends are afraid of him. They are also afraid to tell consumptive lest it might scare him to death. Yet they are letting him go about his daily work unaware of his condition. The consumptive is an ambitious, hardworking fellow, and as a rule is almost certain that he will outlive a consumptive's grave in a comparatively short time, or, what is still worse, learn of his sad plight when it is too late and have none but his friends to blame for letting him drift into such a condition unaware.

Furthermore, a consumptive who does not know that he is a consumptive is a menace to others and a really dangerous person to be around. On the other hand, a careful consumptive is a safe person with whom to live.

The first thing to do in a suspected case of consumption is to find out whether or not it is consumption. If it is, there is no time to lose. If you want to get well your chances are good if you begin early, but your chances are slim if you wait.

## Bull Year For the Wall Street Gamblers.

New York Dispatch.

The year 1913 will be long remembered in Wall street as one of the dulllest in almost a decade. Compared with 1912, when stock and bond sales aggregated 130,737,700 shares and \$672,000,000, respectively, this year shows a decrease in sales of \$4,700,000 shares and \$170,000,000.

The recent spurt of activity at a higher price level, with an increased demand for bonds and other investment issues, have given rise to a hope that a recovery is under way. Of the 1,100 members of the stock exchange, it is estimated that less than half of these are actively engaged in the market and probably 1-5 of the whole may be classed as "traders"—brokers who buy or sell almost exclusively for their own account. The rest of the active membership consist of commission houses, many of which once had extensive out of town connections. These accessories, whose maintenance involved heavy financial outlay, generally have been abandoned and also have many branch offices formerly maintained in up-town New York and in adjacent cities.

Not only have many commission houses failed to make expenses during the year, but a substantial percentage of the trading element frequently found itself "whipsawed," whether on the long or short side, by reason of the market's narrow character.

The year has witnessed many withdrawals from the "street," although these have been less numerous than was expected a few weeks ago.

## Blown to Atoms By Dynamite.

Charlotte News, Dec. 30th.

Mr. J. A. Epps, pharmacist at J. P. Stowe's, who returned from a trip down the Seaboard last night, brought news of a most terrible accident which resulted in the death of a young white boy living near Pembroke, who was blown to atoms by an explosion of a box of dynamite, and so completely was his body torn that it was said no traces of the dead boy could be found.

Dr. McKelhan, of Fayetteville, was enroute to Pembroke last night where he was called to treat the father of the dead boy, who was also injured in the explosion.

The boy was holding a large quantity of dynamite while the father was engaged in blowing stumps. The explosion of one of the sticks caused a concussion which resulted in the explosion of the entire box of the explosive which the boy held. The father was struck in the eye and it was said that he would probably lose one eye.

The boy was blown to atoms and from what Mr. Epps learned in conversation with Dr. McKelhan, no traces of the remains of the boy had been found.

Mr. Epps was unable to learn of Dr. McKelhan the name of the boy or the father. They resided about seven miles from the station of Pembroke on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway.

Col. Robert M. Thompson, who was indicted with James E. Patton and others under the Sherman anti-trust law for cornering the cotton market in 1909, entered a plea of not guilty in the Federal court in New York city and was fined \$4,000. The other defendants were similarly fined.

## NEITHER SIDE GAINED.

### Federal Leaders Declare That They Will Stand Till All Are Killed.

Ojinaga, Mexico, January 5.—Via army line to Marfa, Tex.—All doubt as to the intention of the northern division of the Mexican Federal army to defeat the rebels or stay here until every soldier is dead was dispelled by General Francisco Castro, leader of the general Federal troops, and General Ynez Salazar, commander of the Federal volunteers, in interviews at headquarters today.

Retreat of Federal soldiers across the border to the U.S. would be induced only by some unexpected event according to the two commanders, and even if all soldiers deserted, the generals say that they would remain to die at their posts.

## DENIES RUMORS.

"It is thought that we came to Ojinaga so that if we were pursued by General Villa's rebels we could step across the border," said Gen. Castro. "Such a plan was preposterous. Our forces evacuated Chihuahua because we had been isolated there. We had no way to obtain money to pay the soldiers who remained loyal to General Huerta and we had no means of communication with the War Department at Mexico City."

"Our duty was to open a line of communication with the government and escort from Chihuahua City citizens who feared they would be murdered by General Villa. We selected Ojinaga because it is one of the best natural fortifications in the world. It also affords a source of communication with Mexico City as well as a port through which we might import provisions. Our position here is impregnable. We have ample stores of ammunition and more than fifty field pieces. Our losses have been greatly under those of the rebels."

"General Ortega, who came to attack us on orders from General Villa, thought his presence would cause us to flee to the United States. He was surprised when we resisted him. Our 4,000 loyal soldiers because of our superior fortifications are able to resist 10,000 rebels and there are not that many rebels in the North. Each of us is ready to die should that be necessary and if we evacuate this place it will not be to a foreign country."

## TALKED DURING BATTLE.

General Castro's interview was given in a quaint plaster house on the plaza which has been under almost continuous fire for a week. As he talked the noise of the cannonading and rifle fire of the infantry of General Ortega's army to the west of the village was audible. A short time later bursting shrapnel was scattering a shower of bullets about the village.

Dead soldiers lying unburied in the outer trenches and hundreds of living soldiers on duty for a week without sleep were some of the scenes witnessed today in an inspection of this frontier village, 67 miles from a railroad, which has become the battleground of a possible final conflict for the possession of the northern part of Mexico.

## NEITHER SIDE GAINS.

So far neither side has made material headway except in the drain of Federal ammunition by the rebels. A few of the adobe houses used as Federal forts have been demolished but the damage to fortifications made of dirt has been casual.

Despite assurances of Generals Castro and Salazar that the Federals had no designs to flee to the United States in case of utter defeat, the United States army patrol did not slacken its precautions, taken with a view to that emergency. Already about 500 Federal deserters have crossed and sent back or have escaped into Texas.

Because of the tendency of both the contending armies across the river from Presidio to send their wounded to the American side to be cared for the Red Cross today wired Ernest P. Blecknell, the national director, to provide more hospital supplies. The message said hundreds of wounded might have to be cared for ultimately.

## A SANCTUM FAVORITE.

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber

Who pays in advance at the birth of each year.

Who lays down the money and does it so gladly.

And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says "step it; I cannot afford it."

I'm getting more papers now than I can read."

But always says, "Send it; our people all like it."

In fact, we all think 't a help and a need."

How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum.

How it makes our pulse throb, how it makes our heart dance!

We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him—

The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

Luey Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, and Ensign Alston R. Simpson of the United States Navy were married Tuesday in Washington at Senator Smith's home. The wedding party included a company of relatives and representatives of Washington official life.

## Big Storm on the Northern Coast.

New York, Jan. 5.—The New Jersey and Long Island coasts, famed for their summer resorts, vacation home and permanent fishing villages, suffered a property loss estimated at from one to two million dollars in the hurricane that swept in from the sea early Saturday morning and which did not begin to abate until early today.

Seabright, N. J., which was swept by a violent storm on Christmas night when an estimated loss of half a million dollars resulted was again the centre of the gigantic waves. More than 100 persons were made homeless and the summer cottages of New York and Philadelphia business men tumbled into the sea as did the Ottago hotel, one of the largest summer resorts along the Jersey coast. The town with only \$12,000 in its Treasury to relieve the homeless, will appeal today for State and Federal aid in the construction of a sea wall to prevent a recurrence of the disaster.

## LONG STRIP OF DAMAGE.

While the greatest damage was done at Seabright, the New Jersey coast from Sandy Hook to Long Branch was lashed by waves and the bulkheads which for thirty years had protected the low beaches were ripped to pieces and tossed aside. Heavy losses are reported from Atlantic City where wires are down and part of the city was in darkness last night; Longport, Edgewater, Cape May, Ventnor City and Margate City.

The south shore of Long Island from Mentaup Point to Sagate was pounded by the waves all of Saturday night and all day yesterday. A score of bathing pavilions and hundreds of bath houses were washed away, cottages smashed and boardwalks hurled up on the beach. The heaviest damage is reported from Seagate, a fashionable cottage colony. Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Long Beach, Far Rockaway, Arverne and Montauk Point also were battered by the immense breakers.

## How They Propose in Holland.

A curious old custom still exists in many provinces in Holland. If a young man is in love with a girl, and wishes to ask her hand in marriage, he goes about it in the following manner:

He buys a small, sweet cake and, wrapping it up in soft paper proceeds to the house of his inamorata. Upon his arrival he is ushered into the midst of the family circle. Without a word he walks up to the young woman he wishes to make his wife, and he lays the cake on the table before her.

If she accepts his offer she takes up the cake and eats it. Sometimes, though Dutch, she is coquettish, and tortures the young man by turning it over and playing with it before she decides to bite it, and enraptures him by eating it to the last crumb. If, on the other hand, she wishes to reject her admirer, she quickly wraps the cake in its covering and puts it back on the table.

In this case the young man takes up the cake, satisfied with his refusal and with a "Vaarwel byzemen!" leaves the house.

The matter is then kept a profound secret by all the members of both families, and the outer world never hears of it.

If, however, the affair progresses favorably and the suitor is accepted, the father takes him to one side to ask about his business prospect and if he can afford to take his wife for a wedding journey up the Rhine, the usual wedding journey, of all Dutchmen. The girl, in a case of this sort does not go into society for about six weeks. At the end of that time she reappears at balls and parties, and is not thought any the less or shunned by young men who wish to marry.—EX.

## Entertainment.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Miss Annie Maude Stallings very charmingly entertained last Thursday evening at her home at Stallings in honor of Miss Margaret Tucker of Monroe. The guests from a distance were Mrs. Culp and Mrs. Ritchie of Charlotte, Misses Maude McLeod of W. Shaw, Amy Jones of Winston-Salem, N. C., Messrs. Derment Roseman of N. Y., Earl Muse of Atlanta, Ga., and Myers Tucker of Monroe.

## Card From Harry K.

Fayetteville, Jan. 4.—Warren Carter, who lives in Gray's Creek township of this county, sent to Harry K. Thaw at Concord, N. H., a box of Christmas holly, with an expression of good will and his sympathy, and has received from Thaw a Christmas card, which bears these lines: "Were your stockings as long as the Milky Way and as wide as the widest sea. It would hold but a part of the love and good cheer I am sending this Christmas to thee."

## No Wonder.

The new baby had proved itself the possessor of extraordinary lung powers. One day baby's brother, little Johnny, said to his mother: "Ma, if the brother came from Heaven, didn't he?" "Yes, dear," answered the mother. Johnny was silent for a minute, and then he went on: "I say ma." "What is it, Johnny?" "I don't blame the angels for bringing him out, do you?"—EX.

## MANY LIVES LOST.

### Wreck of a Steamer in Gale of Sunday Fatal to the Crew.

New York, Jan. 5.—The oil tank steamer Oklahoma broke in two amidships without warning at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning south of Sandy Hook and a large number of her crew, of some 40 men, perished. The stern steven, in which was situated all heavy machinery of the vessel, and on which there were 22 members of the crew, sank immediately. Eight members of the crew were rescued by the Hamburg-American Line steamer Bavaria, whose captain says some of the Oklahoma's men told him they saw an open boat of the Oklahoma put away from the wreck with 19 men in it.

This information was obtained by a wireless dispatch received tonight by Hamburg-American line here from Captain Graf of the steamer Bavaria, which is proceeding to Boston with eight survivors of the tanker on board. The message which came by way of Sitsonnet said:

"On January 5 at 6 a. m. we sighted signals of distress of a vessel. The sea was high and rough. At dawn we saw the forepart of a steamer floating on the water. It was the tank steamer Oklahoma, from New York. At 8 a. m., we were close to the wreck and lowered a boat with six men who seized the rope thrown to them from the Oklahoma. The men of the Oklahoma lowered themselves into the boat, exhausted by their experience for the last 24 hours."

"Captain Gunther stated that last Sunday at 7:30 a. m., during the heavy weather and without any previous warning, the ship suddenly broke in two between the bridges. In about 22 minutes the afterpart of the ship with a crew of 32 men, sank. The forepart was kept afloat by the bulkhead. Lifeboats either went down with the ship or were smashed immediately after the catastrophe."

## Cotton Market Will Watch Ginning Report.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Progress of ginning probably will be the principal feature of the cotton market this week. On Thursday morning at 9 o'clock New Orleans time, the Census Bureau will issue its report on ginning up to December 31. This will be the last of regular semi-monthly reports by the Census Bureau of ginning and is generally expected to put an end to very small crop estimates.

The trade looks for bearish figures and probably the majority of bearish traders expect a total ginning in excess of the season in excess of the Government's crop estimate made on December 12. The figures will compare with 12,997,465 bales ginned up to the end of December last year and 14,317,002 bales ginned to the same time two years ago. In the period between December 12 and December 31 last year there were ginned 468,469 bales up to December 12 this year there were ginned 1,232,000 bales. If bearish expectations are met the total ginning for the season will be around 13,500,000 bales which, reduced to 500-gross weight bales as the Government figures its estimates in, would mean about 13,700,000 bales. The Government's estimate was 13,477,000.

In addition to ginning returns, the trade will watch very closely everything pertaining to consumption. The spot demand, business in general, the money markets, exports and above everything, mill takings will be carefully scrutinized. The reason for this is that last week mill takings fell off. Mills maintained the shrinkage was due to holidays but bears said it was due to less favorable conditions among the mills. Small mill takings this week would be considered a powerful argument in favor of a lower market.

## Traction Engine on the Farm.

(From The Lincolnton News.) Mr. M. L. Finger, who lives on Route 2, received by freight last Tuesday a large traction engine which will be used on his farm for the operation of plows. It is one of the largest, if not the largest, traction engine ever brought to Lincoln county for work of this kind and Mr. Finger's neighbors and friends are greatly interested and will watch the results with much interest.

## All the Same to the Driver.

"Drive like the dickens," shouted Smith, springing into a taxi. With a lurch the car went forward, and away they went like lightning through the gathering fog. At last, after half an hour's furious racing, they slowed up and Smith poked his head out of the car. "Are we nearly there?" He asked breathlessly.

The chauffeur turned in his seat and shouted: "Where do you want to go, sir? You have not told me yet."—Pathfinder.

## Probably Not.

A young man timidly approached the father of the girl of his choice and asked for her hand in marriage. "I am not at all certain," said the father, "that my daughter loves you sufficiently to warrant me in entrusting her to your keeping." "Well," replied the young man, reflectively, "perhaps you haven't had the same advantages for observing things that I have."—Harper's Monthly.

## Little Boy Nearly Killed on a Saw.

Justin, the seven year old son of Esq. C. J. Braswell of Goose Creek township, came very near being killed by a saw at his father's shingle mill Saturday afternoon. As it was, two of the fingers on his left hand were torn off and the thumb was torn to pieces. Justin had been throwing the shingles back from the mill and hearing his father call to another of the children thought he was calling him, and started to get up. In doing so his foot slipped and he fell, throwing out his hand to catch. The hand grasped the guard in front of the saw and the saw raked the fingers. It also caught his coat sleeve and tore it into shreds. But for the guard in front of the saw the child would have been dragged against the saw and killed. His father hurried to him and pulled him away. He was carried to Charlotte that night and the fingers amputated.

## Road or No Road Some Folks are Seid.

The Jeffersonian. Six months ago railroad talk filled the air of all west Chesterfield county. The burning question then was: "Will the new road go by Jefferson or by Pageland?" Now, if the subject arises at all, it is in this form: "Will the new road ever be built?" We do not not know, but we do know that our people are passably supplied with railroad facilities already. Freight rates are slightly higher than at main line points, yet this difference scarcely affects the prices of staple commodities. Lands are fertile, the climate is healthy, and railroad or no railroad, our section will prosper.

John M. Watts, a former Kershaw county superintendent of education, committed suicide Friday night, December 26, by drowning himself in Lynch River near his home at Blenheim. The body was not recovered till Sunday. Mr. Watts was an excellent citizen and a man of fine moral character. For some time previous to his death, however, his mind was deranged.

On Saturday, Dec. 28, Mrs. E. J. Miller had as guests Miss Rosa Parker of Monroe, Miss Rosa Cox of Wadesboro, her sisters, Misses Anna and Sarah Parker, of Monroe vicinity.

## President Wilson Went on Shipboard to Meet Mr. Lind.

On Thursday President Wilson went on shipboard to meet his representative in Mexico, Ex-Governor John Lind, who came all the way from Vera Cruz for the hour's talk. He just simply talked matters over and afterwards announced that there would be no change in his policy toward Mexico. Three times the President was transferred in the open sea to another boat on his trip. Gov. Lind met him at the gangway aboard the Chester and the two shook hands warmly. There were no salutes or formalities about the President's journey to the big vessel. The envoy and his chief talked about Mexico for hours in the captain's cabin. The revenue cutter Winona stood astern almost, as if on guard, and the tug chartered by the newspaper correspondents circled around vainly. President Wilson arranged it so that Gov. Lind's two sons might be permitted to see their father on the Chester before his return to Vera Cruz.

## Found Skeleton of a Huge Prehistoric Animal.

S. D. Talliaferro of Salem, Va., superintendent of a crusher plant for the Vaughan Construction Company at Blue Ridge Springs, has unearthed the skeleton of a mastodon measuring thirty feet in length, with a jawbone four feet in width, ribs six inches wide, teeth five inches in width and tusks five feet in length. The find of the huge bones was made in a limestone country and was buried beneath the surface of the earth a distance of 20 feet.

When clearing away the earth above a ledge of limestone rock workmen were able to trace the entire outline of the huge bulk. Mr. Talliaferro had two wagon loads of bones hauled to his temporary quarters at Blue Ridge Springs and later they will be offered to the Smithsonian Institute.

## Mule Killed by a Hoe.

(From The Smithfield Herald.) Mr. John T. Cole of Four Oaks lost a fine young mule last Monday in a very unexpected way. The mule in getting down to wallow got on an old piece of a hoe which stuck into one hip and caused the mule to have lockjaw from which it died that night.

## Cotten Meal Bread.

(From The Raleigh Times.) A cotten mill in Charlotte as far back as four years ago, to our certain knowledge, was experimenting with cottenseed meal as a substitute for wheat flour. The stuff was not particularly palatable, but in the course of fighting chills and "aguer" and sore throat, we have forced down what would make cottenseed meal bread taste like ambrosia.

## Nothing to Scare Him.

"Is your horse afraid of an automobile?" "No," replied farmer Cornstessell. "Why should he be? He don't know anything about how much it costs to run one."—Washington Star.

## Recorder's Court.

Love Stevens, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Marion Glenn, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Austin Cason, shooting firecrackers; costs.  
James Richardson, shooting firecrackers; costs.  
Lawrence Bratton, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Tom Davis, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Jim Glenn, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
John Stewart, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Howard Webster, heading way on train; costs.  
Sebe Polk, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Jeff Polk, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
James Meacham, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Son Burch, colored, assault and battery; costs.  
Sam Ford, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Clove Gurley, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Timie Stevens, colored, selling whiskey, two cases; 4 months and to work out costs in one case; judgment suspended in the other.  
Sylvester Womack, colored, violating ordinance 1; \$3 and costs.  
Henry Shaw, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Lee Billingsly, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
S. H. Hudson, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Hogt Hewie, gambling; \$10 and costs.  
Rob Brooks, violating ordinance 1; 15 days and to work out costs.  
Laura McDonald, colored, assault and battery; costs.  
Deck Yew, violating ordinance 80; costs.  
Wade H. Love, defendant of mortgaged property, dispensing enters plea of non contentence; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

## Death of Mr. Jephth Doster at Ex-Governor's Age.

Messrs. J. P. and R. W. Doster received a telegram Saturday afternoon notifying them of the death of their father, Mr. Jephth Doster, which had just taken place at the home of his daughter in Hickory, where he made his home. Mr. Doster was in his 92nd year and would have reached that age had he lived 90 years. His oldest son, Mr. J. P. Doster, is himself seventy-four.

Mr. Doster was born in this county and was a brother of the late Senator J. G. Doster and Dr. T. L. Doster. Years ago he moved to Mecklenburg county, where he married the second time, his wife being the mother of Mr. James Blackstone, a prominent farmer of Mecklenburg.

From this union there were two children, one son who lives in Texas, and the daughter with whom he at last made his home in Hickory. His first wife was a Benton, and of her children Messrs. J. P. and R. W. Doster, Mrs. Mollie Harris of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Nora Pierce of Mecklenburg, are living.

The remarkable age which Mr. Doster attained is proof that he was a man of powerful constitution. He was in robust health till a few years ago.

## It Might Have Been.

"Ah," says the guest, "how I wish I could sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner with one of those turkeys we raised on the farm when I was a boy, as the central figure!" "Well," says the host, "you never can tell. This may be one of them."—Life.

## The Ingenious Neighbor.

"Have you examined my piano?" asked the young lady. "Yes, ma'am," answered the piano tuner. "What's the reason it won't make a sound?" "Some one has lowered the soft pedal and nailed it down."—Ladies' Home Journal.

## The New Dancers.

Jokus—What on earth is the matter with you Hokus? People will think you are crazy, jumping spasmodically about as you are doing. What does it mean? Hokus—Why, I'm going to a party tonight and I am just practicing the new "bo-swing quickstep."—EX.

## A Wonderful Escape.

A Kentucky colt of the old school had made a proud boast that he hadn't drunk a glass of water in 20 years. One day as he was riding to Nashville on the old L. and N., the train was wrecked while crossing a bridge and plunged into the river. They pulled the colt out with a boat hook and when they got him on shore one of his friends rushed up, crying: "Colonel, are you hurt?" "No," he snorted. "Never swallowed a damn drop!"—Current Opinion.

## Bob Fitzsimmons, once heavy-weight champion of the world, cannot re-enter the prize ring in New York. This decision was announced by the State Athletic Commission. Fitzsimmons said he was "feeling stronger" than ever, but the commission held that he no longer possessed the stamina to stand a fast bout. Fitzsimmons recently challenged any member of the "white hope" class to a 10-round bout.