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## SMALLPOX IN NORTH CAROLINA

The following from the Asheville Citizen touches a matter of vital importance and deserves special consideration:

Dr. R. H. Lewis, secretary of the state board of health, is quoted as saying that with the coming of cold weather a more general outbreak of smallpox than we have yet had may be expected in North Carolina.

It is not an agreeable prophecy, but it is one that ought to cause our towns and cities and people generally to take prompt steps to protect themselves. This can be done only by vaccination now and by the prompt isolation of those who may develop the disease later.

Last year there was an epidemic of smallpox in the city of Cleveland, O. The disease was allowed to run its course without special interference on the part of the health authorities from January to September, by which time 86 new cases a week were developed. Altogether there were 1,229 cases of the disease, and 224 new deaths from this cause. Then the alarmed health officers of the city appointed 170 physicians as vaccinators, and 195,000 persons were vaccinated at the public expense. All workshops and schools were visited, and with vaccination, isolation and disinfection the epidemic was suddenly checked. The disease was nearly eradicated by the last of December, and the city has been practically rid of it since.

This example is worthy of imitation by the health authorities of all North Carolina towns and cities. It will not only prevent the great loss that is always sustained by the business interests of a place in which an epidemic of smallpox breaks out, but it will save many lives.

During the past four years there have been nearly 200 deaths from smallpox in North Carolina, to say nothing of the great number of persons that have been marked for life by the fearful scourge.

In view of Dr. Lewis' warning, health authorities cannot be too careful in taking precautions to protect the city against approach of the disease from any quarter.

## ABUNDANT HARVESTS.

A short while ago a cry came from the great west that the harvest was great but that the laborers were few. Immediately college athletes, and many other adventurous youth set out for the rich harvest fields. The wages offered were substantial, but the service required was not adapted to the scientifically trained collegiate muscle.

So it is said that while the Kansas maidens sang merrily in the harvest field from morn till night, the imported laborers were considerably worsted by the regular day's labor.

Now comes the report that the rice growers in southwest Louisiana have applied to the railroads to assist them in their present difficulty growing out of an insufficiency of labor. The rice crop is the largest and finest ever grown in Louisiana and local labor is wholly insufficient to harvest it. The farmers are counting on getting hands from Ohio and Indiana and want the railroads to grant a rate that will allow labor to come there. The work is all done by white labor and the pay is from \$1.25 a day up, with board. The crop is slightly late. The railroads have agreed to give an excursion from western points in September, which it is hoped will supply the deficient labor.

As long as this kind of thing keeps up the country need not have a case of delirium tremens every time Wall street gets a little shaky. Such elements of prosperity as above referred to are based on the god-given advantages of soil, climate, rain and sunshine, and so are enduring in their nature.

Mr. Jos. H. King, editor of the Durham Herald, after spending a week in this section, returned this morning to the editorial sanctum and to the arduous duties of newspaper life. May his outgoing vigor to his always facile pen.

Wonder what that American European squadron will do when it gets to Beirut?

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## FIGHTING DISEASE WITH DISEASE



By  
**ANDREW WILSON,**  
Author and  
Scientist



We are receiving scientific news of a character well calculated to create intense interest in the minds of all who have the welfare of the race at heart. From Vienna comes news that Professor Behring has succeeded in rendering the cow **IMMUNE TO THE ATTACK OF TUBERCULOSIS**, and from the Jenner institute in London emanates the intelligence that Dr. A. McFadyean has produced an antitoxin calculated to be of great service not only in curing, but in preventing, typhoid fever. These two diseases are, of course, responsible for a large amount of present day mortality. It is true the death rate from tuberculosis has been decreasing since public attention was directed to the ways and means whereby the distribution of the germs of tubercle can be arrested. Typhoid fever has also been considerably limited through our knowledge of its propagation by polluted water and allied media.

**ACTING ON THIS KNOWLEDGE, WE DECREE THAT INFECTION OF WATER SHALL BE STOPPED, AND IF THIS SOURCE OF TROUBLE COULD BE EFFECTIVELY TACKLED WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REDUCE THE AILMENT TO A MISERABLE MINIMUM AS COMPARED WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF ITS OCCURRENCE.**

Much has been done of late years in science to attack disease with ITS OWN WEAPONS. My readers may know what is meant by the "serum" treatment. It represents the attempt of science to hoist microbes with their own petard. A horse is inoculated with the microbes of diphtheria. The animal remains strong and well under this treatment. Then in blood drawn from it we find developed in course of time what we call the "antitoxin" of the disease. The germs multiplying in the serum or fluid of the blood have given rise to this new substance. When the latter is inoculated into a child suffering from diphtheria it cures the little patient. The antitoxin acts upon the microbes causing fell disorder, produces reaction in the child, with the result that the **DISEASE IS CHECKED** and recovery made possible.

Now, there follows upon this result another of much importance in respect of human health and protection from tuberculosis. It seems that cows so treated develop in their milk some principle or other which has the effect of **RENDERING CHILDREN FED UPON IT INSUSCEPTIBLE TO TUBERCULAR ATTACK**. If we can be assured on this point a great advance will have been made toward the prevention of the disease in early life, assuming, of course, that tuberculosis is capable of being caused in young children by the giving to them of milk from cows whose udders are affected. Whether the same result would follow in the case of adults is a matter awaiting further investigation, but at least a great gain would accrue to the civilized world **IF TUBERCULOSIS WERE MADE IMPOSSIBLE OF CONVEYANCE** through the medium of a fluid so universally used as milk.

## WHEREIN OUR COLLEGES DO NOT EDUCATE

By Rev. W. E. BARTON  
of Oak Point, Ill.

**I** AM no pessimist or believer that the past has been better than the present, nor do I lack faith that our colleges are to send out men fitted for large responsibilities, but I confess my own conviction that the **COLLEGE LIFE OF TODAY IS RUNNING TOO MUCH TO FRATERNITIES AND SOFA CUSHIONS**; too much to a course of training whose result is either the dilettante pedant or the muscular bully and not enough to the discipline of the mind, the culture of the soul, the pursuit of knowledge and the establishment of character. **THESE ARE THE REAL THINGS FOR WHICH COLLEGES EXIST**. Athletics and fraternities and clubs and all the rest are of value in proportion as they promote these things. Wherefore, in no spirit of pessimism, but with a strong conviction of its truth, I send forth this appeal for more of **TRUE EDUCATION** in our colleges.

## THE SUCCESSFUL MINISTER

By Rev. L. A. CRANDALL of Chicago

**T**HE minister has a **GREAT TEMPTATION TO SHIRK** because his time is practically his own. If we were compelled to fill out ministerial death certificates of many men who mold in the great ante-mortem graveyard they would necessarily read, "Died of that tired feeling." **THE SUCCESSFUL MINISTER IS NOT A LAZY MAN**. Many ministers fail to fill out the full measure of usefulness because of a tendency to lie down. I do not mean laziness, but a lack of grit.

When a man has "gumption" it means that he has not been turned out half baked; that he does not deal in slop and gush; that **HE DOES NOT WHINE**; that he does not turn his soul wrong side out for the public inspection while he is describing the spiritual experiences through which he has passed or imagines he has.

**FINALLY, IF A MAN CANNOT MAKE A GOOD LIVING IN THE MINISTRY HE SHOULD QUIT IT.**

## WIRES AND CABLES STILL USEFUL

By General A. W. GREELY, Chief of the United States Signal Service

**B**ELEIVE that wireless telegraphy will play a very important part in the affairs of the world, but it will be a **CONTRIBUTORY PART**. I don't believe it will replace the cables or existing lar. lines. At any rate, that time has not yet come and, **IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, NEVER WILL COME.**

## FAMED AS SCULPTOR

MACMONNIES, WHO IS TO DESIGN McCLELLAN STATUE.

Noted Master With the Chisel Chosen Unanimously Over All Competitors—Some of His Work—The Rejected "Bacchante."

Frederick MacMonnies of New York, who has been selected as the sculptor of the statue of General George B. McClellan, authorized by congress to be erected at Washington, is one of the leading sculptors of the world, and his work is already represented at the national capital by a figure of Shakespeare in the Congressional library and the two central bronze doors of that building.

MacMonnies has been in the foremost rank of sculptors only since 1893, when his great fountain at the Chicago world's fair placed him upon a pedestal. He is one of the few Americans



FREDERICK MACMONNIES.

who are recognized by the French as worthy to stand side by side with the masters of the chisel.

It was only last year that Mr. MacMonnies returned to this country after having spent seventeen years abroad. He is a native of Brooklyn, born in 1863. His first opportunity came in 1880, when he was admitted to the studio of Augustus St. Gaudens of New York. The stimulating atmosphere of that great artist's studio prepared him for his first visit to Paris in 1884. After a short time there he went to Munich, where he studied painting, for Mr. MacMonnies is almost as famous with the brush as with the chisel. Returning to Paris, he was soon recalled to New York by St. Gaudens, who wished his assistance in the execution of several important works. After a year he returned to Paris and entered the Atelier Falguere, School of Fine Arts, working a portion of the time in the private studio of Antonin Mercie. In the Atelier Falguere he bore off for two years the highest prizes open to foreigners, ranking next to the Prix de Rome—the Prix d'Atelier. So original was his work that the great French sculptor advised him to strike out for himself.

MacMonnies has also had a taste of disagreeable notoriety. Boston would not have his "Bacchante." When the



THE "BACCHANTE"

sculptor began work on that figure in 1894 he had little thought that anything about it could be called into question on the score of morality, yet his "Bacchante" was rejected by Boston for that reason, though artists consider it one of his best works.

Other of MacMonnies' contributions to sculpture are his "Nathan Hale," City Hall park, New York; "Sir Harry Vane," Boston Public Library; army and navy groups for soldiers and sailors' monument, Indianapolis; figure of "Victory," battle monument, West Point, and the equestrian statue of General Slocum, Brooklyn.

The selection of MacMonnies to design the McClellan monument was made unanimously by the commission appointed by congress after all the designs and models submitted had been rejected.



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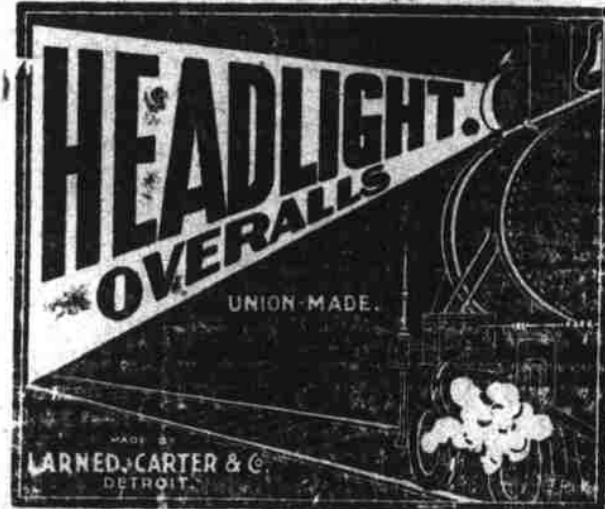
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