

THE DOCTOR Tells the Story
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DOGS

The most unselfish friend in this selfish world—the one that never deserts a man and never proves ungrateful or treacherous—is a dog. I think it was that sage and philosopher, Voltaire, who said, "The best thing about a man is his dog."

My old and good friend, Albert Payson Terhune, the dog fancier, who has written much about these good friends of the human race, insists that dogs are "four-footed gentlemen," and man's most acceptable companion.

As a dog lover I agree with all these sentiments, but as a physician, there is another side to the picture, which I am also forced to observe.

Dogs do carry diseases, and the very fact that they are so close to man makes them all the more dangerous. For that reason, their masters should attend them properly, and watch them closely.

Dogs can infect man with a

form of mange, with a species of tape worm which may cause cysts, and with a less dangerous type of the same worm which can prostrate one.

They carry fleas unless kept clean by frequent baths, and these insects frequently are the cause of epidemics, such as the bubonic plague.

Dogs should not be encouraged in any affectionate demonstrations such as licking the hands and face of their owners.

Rabies or hydrophobia is a most dangerous disease which dogs can convey to human beings, and the mortality rate is exactly 100 per cent. I have never known a case to recover, unless immediately treated with the Pasteur serum, which was discovered in 1884 by the French savant of that name.

Dogs are responsible for 85 per cent. of the hydrophobia cases; wolves, through bitten dogs, cattle and men, for 14 per cent., and cats for 1 per cent.

The germs after entering the body ultimately reach the brain, causing convulsions and death, usually in from three to five days. As a rule paralysis precedes death. I once traveled in a first class compartment on a train from Bombay to Lanowli, where the Indian Government maintained a Pasteur Institute.

My only companion was a

British army officer, who said to me, after we were locked in for the night, "Old chap, you know I was bitten by a wolf while hunting, and am going to the institute for the Pasteur treatment. I feel a bit queer, and if I start to act strange do not shoot me, but see that I get to the hospital."

He did act queer, in that he was very nervous, so I remained awake all night watching him, not knowing what to expect, but I delivered him safely in the morning.

He ultimately recovered, due to the work of Pasteur, whom the world never sufficiently appreciated for what he did for his fellow men.

INCREASE

Farmers' cash income from marketings plus Government payments during November totaled about \$740,000,000, as compared with \$707,000,000 in the same month a year ago.

HOGS

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