

APPENDICITIS.

Disease That is the Subject of Several Widespread Delusions.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

"The tragically sudden death of Sheriff Klock has set a good many people to thinking about appendicitis," said a New Orleans surgeon yesterday. "One of the strangest things in connection with the disease is the unwise amount of public interest and discussion it has excited, since it first began to be generally diagnosed some ten or twelve years ago. Of course a great deal of nonsense has been written about it, and it is still the subject of several widespread delusions. The doctors supposed, originally, that it was always caused by some foreign body which had lodged in the appendix, and the 'grape-seed theory' spread like wild-fire all over the country. A great vineyard owner of Napa valley, California, told me last summer that there was a marked falling off in the consumption of grapes for nearly three years, while that idea prevailed, and that there was a corresponding increase in the demand for seedless varieties. How the impression originated is hard to say, for there are absolutely no recorded cases in which grape seeds were found in the appendix after an operation. I suppose the story was set afloat by some imaginative paragraph writer, and it is certainly a curious commentary on human credulity that it should have placed hundreds of thousands of people under deadly apprehension and seriously affected an immense agricultural industry. But after this scare had run its course the surgeons began to report so many cases in which nothing at all was found that a reaction set in and some of the most eminent men in the profession declared that the disease was never caused by a foreign body. That put many practitioners in rather an awkward position. It looked as if they had been 'faking' as the expression goes, and had claimed to find things in the appendix which really existed in their imaginations. At present, however, it is well established that the disease may or may not be caused by particles of hard matter lodging in the little cul-de-sac that forms the seat of the trouble. The cases are about evenly divided. Strange to say, common pins are the things most frequently found.

"Another common error in regard to appendicitis," continued the surgeon, "is that the attacks are always very sudden and violent, and that there is little or no premonition of their coming. Many people have light attacks of the disease for years before it develops an acute form. Sometimes it never develops. These mild cases are generally of what is called the 'catarrhal type,' and occasionally the symptoms are so slight that the patient is not even confined to bed. But they are always a danger signal, and after the first attack it is never safe to go out of the reach of expert medical assistance. Appendicitis is now generally regarded as a 'surgical disease'—that is to say, a disease in which an operation is necessary to effect a cure; and the principal thing upon which the profession is divided is when to operate. Some hold that there should be no delay after the first symptoms appear, and others insist that it is best to wait and operate between attacks, when the patient can be built up to withstand the shock. The chance of recovery is then undoubtedly much greater; but as against the waiting theory is the ever present danger that the first attack may not subside of its own accord, but may develop to a point that renders an operation imperative. When that becomes the case the victim is generally so exhausted that the odds are against a rally. So, you see, it is about six to one and half a dozen to the other. There is risk, grave risk, in either instance. When the surgeon does his work between attacks, however, and the patient is prepared as carefully as possible before hand, the percentage of mortality is very small. Some surgeons have operated over a hundred times and never lost a case. Yes, I have heard of operating on people who had never had appendicitis," added the surgeon, in response to a question, "but I have never seen it done, and am free to say that I wouldn't undertake such a job myself. A surgeon has no moral right to interfere unless nature demands it. You know the chance of having appendicitis is much less than the chance of surviving the knife, so a man who has an operation performed as purely a precautionary measure is a fool by mathematical demonstration."

"My Heart was Thumping my Life out," is the way Mrs. R. H. Wright, of Brockville, Ont., describes her sufferings from smothering, fluttering and palpitation. After trying many remedies without benefit, six bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart restored her to perfect health. The first dose gave almost instant relief, and in a day suffering ceased altogether.—51 Sold by Garden Bros.

Farming Prospects in The Transvaal.

A writer in the Live Stock Journal expresses the belief that there is a good future for farming pursuits in the Transvaal. The Boers, even by their indolent and antiquated methods, apparently derive a fair living from the land, but with such markets as Johannesburg and Kimberley to cater for the writer referred to is confident that the agricultural

industry might be turned to much better account. The Boers, he says, instead of improving their cattle or aiming at the production of palatable beef, continue to regard draught purposes as the chief object in cattle-raising, while little or no kind of provision is made for the protection or artificial feeding of stock in the winter months. The position of the cattle in winter is described as follows: "Through the winter nights on the Transvaal 'high veld' are bitterly cold, ice an inch thick being often formed between sunset and sunrise, there is scarcely a cow-house or other cattle shelter to be seen throughout the length and breadth of the country. The usual arrangement is a low wall about three feet high, formed of loose stones, with thorn bushes at the top enclosing a circular space, and in this 'cattle kraal' the animals are kept till the hot rays of the sun begin to thaw the limbs frozen by the night's cold. As to making hay, the Boer never dreams of such a thing. He expects his oxen to subsist on the remnants of the dried, burnt up grass, on which, as the winter is the dry season, not a drop of rain falls. In the summer they are well enough, and get as fat as butter, but by the time that the winter is over their bony frames are deplorable to look upon." Our contemporary's correspondent is confident, as apparently he well may be, that there will be splendid scope in a peaceful Transvaal "for the Englishman of energy who really understands his business," as well as for the improving influences of British pedigree stock.—South Africa.

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