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MICROBES AND OLD AGE.

Long before Ponce de Leon crossed the Atlantic in search of the "fountain of life," the idea prevailed that the secret of prolonging human life indefinitely would in time be discovered. This idea never entirely died out even when it was learned that the New World contained no such wonderful spring. Many persons of today, who would no doubt smile at the credulity of the Spanish adventurer and the superstitions of that age, were quite ready a few years ago to accept the report that a celebrated doctor had discovered the life-giving "lymph." It has been asserted that among a certain class of the physicians of the present day, bacteriology has gone stark staring mad. It is claimed that every ache, pain, and indeed every ill that flesh is heir to, is caused directly or indirectly by microbes. There is no doubt but that consumption, diphtheria, and many other diseases are due to this cause, and eminent physicians are striving to discover a remedy that will cure these diseases by removing the cause. It has long been known that age brings with it a characteristic change in the tissues of the body and a discussion of the cause has led to a discussion as to whether bacteria have not something to do with old age. If it should be proved that such is the case then it would appear to be among the possibilities that sooner or later the germ may be discovered and removed and the secret of perpetual life thus secured.

The following extracts are from an editorial article on the subject in Modern Medicine, November:

"A few years ago an Italian bacteriologist proclaimed that he had discovered the 'germ of old age.' The idea was scouted by all scientific men, but there may be something in it after all. At any rate there seems to be good grounds for believing that germs, if not a specific germ, are at least one of the most important influences which bring on old age.

"It has long been known that the ptomaines or toxic substances produced by microbes are capable of setting up various degenerative processes. Degenerative changes in the joints, the liver, the kidneys, and other organs, have been directly traced to this cause.

"The tracer has for some time held the opinion that the degenerative changes incident to advancing age are due to the same cause; namely, the toxins absorbed from the alimentary canal. These toxins are constantly present in greater or less quantity, according to the extent to which fermentative and putrefactive processes depend, first, upon the integrity of the digestive process in the individual, and secondly, upon the character of the substances introduced into the alimentary canal as food.

"These considerations suggest at once the thought that while all human beings must necessarily be constantly subject to the influence of toxic substances generated in their own alimentary canal, and consequently must grow old and succumb sooner or later to the degenerative processes of old age, these processes may be greatly accelerated by subsisting upon a diet which favors the production of toxic substances in the alimentary canal.

"If this theory is correct, we should expect to find the greatest longevity among those animals and men who subsist upon the simplest and purest diet, other conditions being equal. It would be impossible to find a sharper contrast than that which exists in this respect between carnivorous and vegetarian animals. Contrast, for example, the dog which grows old, becomes rheumatic and infirm in eight or ten years, with the donkey, who lives a useful life of forty or fifty years, and the elephant, which is still active and useful at a hundred years. The same is true among men. The greatest number of persons now alive above one hundred years of age are to be found among the Russian peasants, who rarely taste meat. These people have been practical vegetarians for so many centuries—perhaps from the earliest ages—that anatomists have noted a distinct difference in the length of their alimentary

canals as compared with those of flesh-eating Germans, whose ancestors were cannibals.

"The above considerations, if not considered absolutely conclusive, are certainly worthy of thought."

THE ST. JOHN APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Blair has been unfortunate in his appointments in St. John. His appointment of Judge Ritchie to the position formerly held by the late Judge Peters, alienated from him the sympathy of some of his strongest supporters in and out of the legislature and lost to him the constituency. The appointment of Mr. Skinner a few years later to the office of Judge of the Probate Court of St. John, gave rise to a short lived rebellion among those of his friends who had overlooked the Ritchie business. It was not contended that Mr. Skinner was not competent for the position. On the contrary he was acknowledged to be one of the ablest lawyers in the city, but his political record was not such as to commend him to the friends of the local government in that quarter of the province. Mr. Skinner had been elected to the Commons as a liberal along with two other opponents of the government from that constituency. When he got to Ottawa, however, he concluded that the opposition benches were not good for his health and he coolly deserted his colleagues and crossed to the government side of the house. It can scarcely be wondered at then that the party that he thus deserted did not look with favor on his preferment to a position sought after by other and more deserving men of the party. He, however, appeared to have a "pull" on the Attorney General and the Telegraph and other kickers soon overlooked the appointment and began to shout louder than ever for the Blair government. In the recent shuffle among the officeholders in St. John Mr. Skinner appears to have again worked his "pull" and as a result he is transferred to another office—one that will not prevent him again taking a hand in politics. As this move will, it is said secure his services to the Conservative party it has called forth the loudest condemnation from the St. John liberals and Mr. Blair is again undergoing a severe criticism from the Telegraph. Mr. Blair has, however, lately secured the support of the new paper, the Record, and is in a measure independent of the Telegraph. There is thus a serious split in the liberal party of St. John. The Globe and Telegraph support the Ellis-Weldon wing of the party and the Record declares that the old leaders are "back numbers," and calls on Mr. Blair to assume the leadership of the party in this province. One of the worst features of the late shuffle is the report so far uncontradicted that one of the new officials has agreed to pay \$1000 per annum out of his salary to Mr. Jack, the retiring Recorder. We have read much lately about political corruption in Newfoundland, but even in that corrupt colony they have not yet found it necessary to barter judicial positions.

New Brunswick Shipping.

The steady decline in the amount of shipping owned in the province that has marked the last decade still continues. The falling off in the year just ending is over 20,000 tons, as appears by the following comparative statement of the shipping registered at the various ports of registry:

Table with 4 columns: Port, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892. Rows include St. John, Moncton, Dorchester, Sackville, Richibucto, Chatham, St. Andrews, and Total.

There is no improvement to report in shipbuilding. Only three schooners are now in course of construction in the province, and shipbuilding must soon apparently be numbered among the lost arts.

The losses of St. John vessels this year were not as heavy as in other years. In 1892, 28 vessels of 12,359 tons were lost; in 1893 the number was 41 vessels of 13,883; this year 21 vessels of 8,518 tons were destroyed. The unpleasantest fact to record is that these vessels have not been and will not be replaced. The money loss by these disasters this year is estimated at \$144,200, compared with \$128,500 in 1893; and \$295,500 in 1892.—Globe.

The emperor of Japan is entitled to be considered the most aristocratic ruler on earth. The royal family of Japan has a genealogical tree which reaches to heaven, and their traditions state that the emperor comes from the gods. There have been one hundred and twenty-one emperors of Japan, and they all belong to this family. The first one governed Japan just about twenty-five hundred years ago. He was on the throne long before Julius Caesar aspired to be the emperor of Rome, and three hundred years before Alexander the Great thought he had conquered the world. The Japanese have the history of all of their emperors from that time down to this, and they will assure you that the mikado is the lineal descendant of the first emperor whose name was Jimmu Tenno.

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China's War Losses.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—A Japanese paper gives a summary of the losses of the Japanese and Chinese armies up to November 23, exclusive of the battles of Fung-Hang-Chang, Kinchan, Talien Wan, and at Port Arthur. It shows that the Japanese lost about 330 killed and 835 wounded, while the Chinese lost 4,800 killed and 4,500 wounded and 1,018 of them were made captives, making a total of 10,318. The Chinese have also had 211 cannons taken from them, 4,865 rifles, 36,284 cannon shot, 43,000,000 cartridges besides enough ammunition to last a month firing with 20,000 rifles; 333 hammocks have been taken, 3,400 tents, 1,000 horses, 3,000,000 taels worth of gold and silver, 111,000 mace coins, 2,413 koku of rice, 5,755 koku of unhulled rice and in addition sufficient wood to last an army of 20,000 men three days. The Chinese have lost 13 vessels, a torpedo boat, five men-of-war sunk and one of their war-vessels captured, which makes a total tonnage of 9,850 tons. The number of killed and wounded on the Japanese side at Port Arthur, is estimated at over 400, while those of the enemy is estimated at nine times that number.

In Newfoundland the ups and downs of life are illustrated in the case of Mr. Goodridge. A few weeks ago he was the First Commoner in the colony, and was engineering it out of his financial difficulties. One by one his supporters were defeated until he was compelled to resign. This brought about the financial panic, and the run upon the Commercial Bank, of which Mr. Goodridge is a director. Now the directors have been arrested for presenting a false statement of the bank's affairs at the annual meeting. The fall from Premier to prisoner is a great one, and in Mr. Goodridge's case has been sudden as well.

Francis II., the ex-king of Naples, whose death is now reported, had been in the list of the Royal unemployed since 1861. He succeeded his father to the throne in 1858, but was driven from it by Garibaldi three years later. Then he retired to Rome, whence he made several fruitless attempts to organize expeditions against the new kingdom of Italy, into which his people had been absorbed. But it was not his destiny again to rule. For thirty-three years he has had to get along without a crown, which goes to show that when a King gets out of work his chances of getting another job of the kind are very slim indeed.

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Sad Ending Of Christmas Eve Festivities.

ASHLAND, Oregon Dec. 29.—Advice were received here last evening from Kilamath Falls, this State, of a horrible accident at Silver Lake, Lake county, caused by the overthrowing of a lamp at a gathering on Christmas Eve, in which over forty lives were lost and sixteen persons badly injured, five of whom will probably die. The gathering had assembled in a hall and consisted of children who, with their parents and relatives, were enjoying Christmas tree exercises. Someone attempted to go where he could see and hear better by jumping upon a bench in the middle of the hall. In doing so his head struck a lamp from the ceiling, causing the oil to run out, which immediately caught fire. While trying to take the lamp down it was tipped so that the oil ran out on the floor, setting fire to the building. From that time on the scene was terrible to behold. Further particulars are as yet unobtainable.

Silver Lake is over one hundred miles from Kilamath Falls, and the stage with Lakeview papers brought the news to this place.

A Valuable Find.

While walking on the beach at Broad Cove, C. B., one day this week, George Ross, son of A. C. Ross, of the Boston and Nova Scotia Coal company, picked up a curious looking mass of stuff, which emitted a very strong perfume. It proved to be a very valuable find, as it turned out to be ambergris (ambergrease). Ambergris is not very often found in northern waters, although a small quantity of it was found a few weeks ago on the southeastern shore of Cape Breton. It is a substance of the consistence of wax, and is generally found floating in the Indian ocean and other parts of the tropics. It has also been found as a morbid secretion in the intestines of the sperm whale, which is believed in all cases to be its true origin. Its color is white, ash-grey, yellow, black and often variegated like marble, and it is highly valued as a perfume. Mr. Ross' find is worth about \$3,000.—Sydney Advocate.

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Sunday School Association.

This has become one of the active and beneficent religious institutions of our province. Its progress in ten years history has been encouraging. Its Executive Committee is a body of earnest business men and ministers representing the different denominations, and everything of Sunday School interest is well considered by them in their quarterly meetings. They have appointed their Field Secretary to several parishes in Kent during this month as follows:

He will begin in Wellington and Dundas on Sunday, Jan. 6th, leading such meetings to promote Sunday School work where the parish officer, H. A. West may appoint him. A district Convention will be held for those two parishes probably on McLaughlin Road, on Monday 7th; Wellington Parish Convention at Buctouche, on Tuesday 8th; Harcourt, and a few adjacent schools of Weldford at Harcourt Station, on Wednesday 9th. Other parts of Weldford parish will meet at Bass River Pres. church, on Thursday 10th; and Richibucto parish at Kingston, on Jan. 11th.

It is hoped that the pastors, supts. and teachers will all gather at each Convention in their own district. If any school has already closed the workers will at least want to gather strength and interest for their spring re-opening. Probably another visit of this kind will be made to our County during the summer before the Annual County Convention is held.

Stonchaven.

We hear of so many deaths this last year that people are beginning to ask has the correspondent of THE REVIEW also joined the silent majority. Our eyes are getting sore from looking for the entertaining notes of Jessie and Paradise. So I think I will try and wake them up. It is no want of news, for times have been stirring here the past summer.

Two of our energetic farmers have started in the goose business, one ships to Chatham, the other to Moncton. They say they have done very well with their first shipments. We wish them every success.

The Clifton school teacher, Miss Turvey, has resigned and accepted Salmon Beach School. The trustees have acquired very little credit in the eyes of the ratepayers by their action in the matter.

Miss Emeline Hodnett and Mr. A. Miller were united in marriage a short time ago, the young people gave them a grand charivari.

Mr. E. Dempsey, our popular packer, has also joined the army of benedicts.

Fred wanted to do it sly, so he went to Bathurst with his fair innamorata and was quietly married by Rev. J. Sellar at the parsonage, and started for home about dark, happy. No one knew anything about it. But pleasures are like poppies spread. What means those shots on the highway ahead? Alas, cowbells too. But it turns out to be his sisters and some cousins. Fred moves on, only a few miles more and he will be home. But when he arrived the road was full—old and young gave him a royal welcome. Fred was a favourite. Jim and his wife were there also Frank and his girl. Garrett was in his element, he had been left in charge of the supper as chief cook, but deserted his post for a cowbell. They had a good time and Fred gave them two dollars to treat with so they made merry.

Our veteran hunter has trapped four foxes already this season, he had another in the trap, but being excited tried to kill him with a stick and missing, struck the spring of the trap, and he says he knows now how a fox can run.

Pigeon soup is quite fashionable here this fall—it is said to be better if just shot off the eggs.

Dance at G. I. Daly's on the 21st. All Paradise danced.

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J. H. TIMMIS.

Secretary Treasurer, City Printing and Publishing Co., Montreal, P. Q.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27.—Messrs. Cooke, manager, ex-Premier Goodridge Goodfellow, Hutchins and Duder, directors of the Commercial bank lately suspended, were arrested yesterday on the information of George Skeleton, a shareholder. They are charged with making false written statements and rendering false accounts to the shareholders. Cooke will be arrested on other charges, such as embezzlement and fraudulently taking the funds of the bank. The disclosures against Cooke are very damaging, and considerable excitement was caused by the arrests. Pitts, the fifth director, who is included in the warrant of arrest, is absent from St. John's to Halifax, but will be arrested immediately on his return, and if he does not return he will be arrested in Canada. Bail will be accepted for the prisoners in \$20,000 each.

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