SCARLET FEVER CURED BY SERUM.

Dr. Baginsky, of Berlin Children's Hospital, Gives Results of Twelve Years.

Danger Much Reduced Treatment By Anti-Streptococcus Applied to 701 Patients With Great Success

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—Professor Adolf Baginsky, director of the Kaiser and Kaiserin Friedrich Hospital for Children, publishes through the New York Herald remarkable results of a new discovery, which provides the medical world with a serum cure that has stamped out scarlet fever in a greater percentage of cases among children than has ever before been attained.

Professor Baginsky modestly disclaims the credit for the discovery of the serum, which has been named anti-streptococcus, and which has been applied with undoubted success at the hospital under his charge.

The discoveries now made public through the Herald are the result of twelve years' uninterrupted research and experiments.

In that period 701 patients have been subjected to the antistreptococcus serum treatment, with the result that the character of scarlet fever has been definitely established and its germ classified with bacteria.

The percentage of deaths has been reduced to such an extent that only eight per cent. of scarlet fever patients succumbed.

Professor Baginsky said: "I began my investigations in 1891. My object then was to determine the nature of the disease.

"The only credit which I appropriate in the discovery is that I proved that scarlet fever has a microbic origin, known as streptococcus.

"This fact ascertained, I continued the investigations with my assistant, Dr. Sommerfeld. The germ is one which appears also in erysipelas, and occasionally may be encountered in complication with diphtheria.

"After I had investigated a large number of cases to prove the reoccurrence of 'streptococcus,' this germ served as a basis for further experiments by Herr Aronson, and after continued laboratory experiments, including the injections of streptococcus into rabbits and horses, Herr Aronson produced the 'antistreptococcus,' with which our researches were continued.

"This serum is really the discovery of Herr Aronson, and I do not wish to deprive him of any credit therefor."

RATE OF MORTALITY FAR BELOW NORMAL OF PATIENTS TREATED HERE.

Physicians at the Willard Parker Hospital, in this city, last night accepted the announcement of Dr. Baginsky's discovery of a serum used so successfully in the treatment of scarlet fever, as well as the result of his researches that determined definitely that the disease was of bacteriological origin.

It was announced by the physicians questioned that the serum used must be a new one, for that used here has been tried experimentally in cases of scarlet fever, but without sufficient success to recommend it as a substitute for methods now employed.

Professor Baginsky's statistics were considered remarkable and of great importance as a medical discovery. His record of eight per cent of deaths among 701 patients treated was far below the normal rate of those who succumbed to scarlet fever, even when treated by the most modern and approved methods in the Willard Parker Hospital, or in private practice by physicians of this city.

The statistics of the health department show a ratio of failure at least three times as great as that noted by the director of the Berlin Hospital.

MURDERER LAUGHED

While the British Judge Imposed Sentence of Death.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Edwards, a man who was convicted of murder at Leyton, five miles from London, was arraigned in court Saturday for sentence to death. He received the sentence in the most callous manner. On being asked the usual question, whether he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed on him, he replied:

"No; get on with it as soon as you can."

While the judge was placing on the black cap before sentencing him, the murderer remarked:

"Why, it's like being on the stage."

When the judge came to the conclusion of the sentence and said, "And may the Lord have mercy on your soul," Edwards burst out laughing, saying, "Ha, ha!"

Edwards was convicted of murdering James Darby, his wife, and the couple's child. He killed all three with a hammer, enclosed their bodies in sacks, and buried them in a garden in rear of the house. Edwards bought a shovel from a man named Ambrose Gill to bury his victims. Gill came to collect the account, and was attacked with the implement and nearly killed. Edwards was arrested for the assault, and the disappearance of the couple with whom he lived was noted, and investigation led to the discovery of the bodies.

THE BEAVER LINE.

Canadian Pacific Wants to Buy a Dozen Steamers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Sir Wm. Van Horne asked whether it was correct that the Canadian Pacific was negotiating for the North Atlantic fleet of the Elder-Dempster line, replied: We have been negotiating with the line for the purchase of from a dozen to a dozen and a half of their ships for some time. I cannot say just what number we have been figuring on, but it is somewhere between those figures.

"As I have said before," he continued, "Canada has for some years been raising the sides of her hopper without enlarging the spout. We are simply trying to do our share of enlarging this spout. This move is in no way an effort to compete with the Morgan combine for business or to divert any traffic from New York. The Canadian Pacific has plenty of business for a line of its own across the ocean. Our object is to have our own ships to accommodate our own business and not have to run around dickering for ships to carry our freight." When asked what the Canadian Pacific had offered for the Elder-Dempster fleet, Sir William said: "We have not told anyone what we offered to pay or what our limit is in the matter of price. If we did that the other side would have a sure thing to go on. As a matter of fact there have been offers and counter offers going on between us for months. When they are consummated I may be able to say more on the subject."

PARRSBORO NEWS.

PARRSBORO, N. S., Feb. 17.— The cargo of the wrecked tern schooner Southern Cross, at Port Greville, was purchased by J. W. Day and O. L. Price of Parrsboro, who re-sold the greater part of it to good advantage.

A despatch received here last night from New York announced the death of Capt. Eli Knowlton, late master of the barkentine Ladysmith, which was launched at Lower Economy last fall. Capt. Knowlton had an attack of gastric fever at Barbados a few weeks ago and his vessel had to proceed without him, while he was brought to a hospital in New York. He formerly lived at Advocate, but has been for several years a resident of Parrsboro. He leaves a widow and several children. His remains will be brought here for interment.

The members of Kenilworth Lodge, Knights of Pythias, made a very pleasant fraternal visit to Victoria Lodge, Port Greville, last Friday evening.

D. A. Huntley has nearly finished moulding the frames for a tern schooner of about 200 tons register, and a tugboat, which he will build here next summer.

An interesting hockey match was played in Cecelia Rink last evening between the bankers and the merchants of the town. The merchants defeated their opponents, and were treated by them to a clam supper at Eaton's restaurant.

CUT WALL TO SAVE A DOG.

Heroic Measures to Rescue a Small Mongrel Wedged Between Two Buildings.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Extraordinary measures were taken, in Newark on Saturday, by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to save the life of a small mongrel dog. The canine had run from the street into a narrow passage between two brick houses in Van Wagenen street. The opening was eight inches wide, but at the rear of the buildings it narrowed to about five inches. The dog went in so far that he became firmly wedged between the two walls. This happened on Thursday night.

Until Saturday morning every possible suggestion for his rescue was tried in vain. Finally a hole was cut through the brick wall from the cellar of one of the houses and the dog was rescued.

TO THE REFORMATORY.

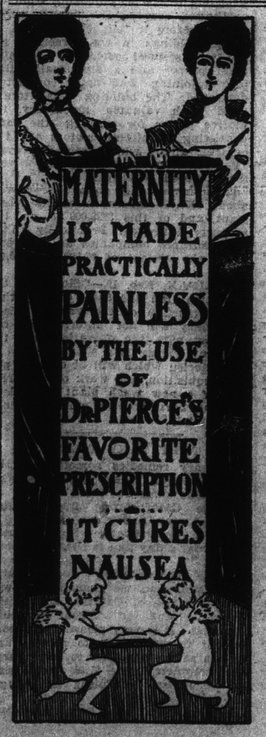
Fred. Goodspeed Will Be Taken There in a Day or Two.

Within a day or two Fred. Goodspeed will be installed in his new quarters at the reformatory. The papers preliminary to his admission have been signed, and as soon as the necessary formalities are completed the transfer will be made. It is unlikely that any change in the regular rules of the home will be made on his account. He will be granted the same liberties and privileges as the other inmates, at least until he has proven that he is unworthy of them. The governing board has as yet taken no steps toward making the place as a prison any more secure.

A YANKEE WHO STILL LAYS LOW

(Boston Globe, Feb. 16.)

It is five years yesterday since somebody blew up the Maine in the harbor of Havana. But who it was that did it seems likely to become a mystery of history.



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SEMI-TEETOTALISM THE LATEST CULT.

Missionaries of the English "No Drinks Between Meals" Society Arrive in New York.

(New York Herald, 16th.)

Emissaries of the Semi-Teetotal Association of England arrived here last week on the tank steamer Tappit and they are now spreading the propaganda of the new cult through the city. They wear on the lapels of their coats light blue buttons, on the rims of which are the words, "No drinks between meals." In the center is a pewter mug crossed by a knife and fork. The members of the association, which already has a following in England, take a pledge, which is styled by them a "solemn undertaking," never to take intoxicating drinks except at the midday and evening meals.

Richard Turner Dalton, the secretary of the English association, is at the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was found last evening.

"The aims of the society which I represent," said he, "have been much misunderstood. I see no cause for merriment in the name, which is an entirely respectable one, and, if I may be forgiven a little family pride, it is one which my kinsman Richard Turner suggested with great deliberation. He stuttered in a most painful fashion, and at a meeting in the cause of total abstinence he attempted to refer to himself as a totaller, meaning thereby one who did not drink intoxicants. His infirmity caused him to duplicate the first "t." Hence the name teetotaler. If a teetotaler is a man who does not drink any liquors at all, a semi-teetotaler is one who takes a solemn pledge never to drink under any circumstances, adding thereto the mental reservation that he will drink all he feels like at his meals."

Evidence that the "semi's" have been making a canvass of the city was found at many of the leading hotels. The appearance of one of the semi-teetotalers at the Marlborough hotel last Saturday morning nearly occasioned a riot in the cafe, where a score of Southern colonels were standing before the bar waiting for cocktails.

It is reported that the semi-teetotalers will ally themselves in this country with organizations with similar aims, and that an auxiliary society may be formed in a few days.

"I find," said Mr. Dalton, "that several prominent gentlemen with whom I have talked have taken most kindly to our plan. They spend perhaps more time now at their luncheon and dinner than the circumstances warrant, yet we are making steps in the right direction. It often happens that they prolong the luncheon to the dinner hour, taking, of course, such drinks as aid in the digestion of food.

"One of them, a somewhat rotund person whom I see here, suggests that a rival organization, with the motto 'No meals between drinks,' would be more in accordance with American ideas, but I think he will perceive before he drinks himself to death that he is in grave error. The organization which I have the honor to represent bases its principles rather on physiological than moral grounds, for a little spirit taken with meals increases the peristaltic action of the stomach, and consequently promotes the health of the semi-teetotaler. I have every hope that our association will in time become popular.

PATENT REPORT.

Following is a list of patents recently granted to foreigners by the Canadian government, patents, being secured through the agency of Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D. C.:

78,402—James West, London, England, machine for forming and finishing the edges of lenses.

78,564—Frank Hornby, Liverpool, Eng., toy.

78,720—John Robt. Quain, Middlesex, Eng., electrical heating apparatus.

78,864—Laurent Millet, Paris, France, gas meters.

78,993—Knut Ed. Fryklind, Stockholm, Sweden, method of protecting eggs from the injurious effects of the air.

79,116—Heinrich Zoelly, Zurich, Switzerland, turbine.

79,226—Wm. Ernest Crook, New South Wales, Australia, automatic railway car coupling.

79,245—Robt. Hy. Battersby, Southport, Eng., kites.

The Inventor's Help, a book on patents, will be sent to any address upon request.

ST. MARTINS.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, the Baptists of Colerain, St. John Co., dedicated their new church. The building, while small, is sufficiently large for the requirements of the locality. On this occasion its seating capacity was tested to the utmost. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. Townsend of St. Martins. His subject was "Sanctuary Memories." Taking for his text Psalm lxiii., 1-3, he delivered a discourse which was especially appropriate. The pastor, Rev. R. M. Bynon, made a financial statement, stating there was a debt of $30 upon the building. He did not believe in church debts, and said the amount must be cleared off at once; also stating they needed another $20 to purchase chairs. As a result of his appeal $50.50 was raised in a few minutes. Requesting the deacons and trustees to come to the front, the pastor in a very impressive manner delivered the building into their hands. The service terminated with the singing of Throw Out the Life Line, followed by the benediction.

STARTLING INSURANCE FRAUDS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Assistant District Attorney Paul Krotel said today that the insurance fraud case now under investigation in this city promised to develop into one of the most startling ever known in the criminal history of the city.

"I should not be surprised," he said, "if it were proved that the conspirators even went so far as to murder in cold blood to get bodies for the purpose of collecting policies. The fate of Sarah Weber was but a single instance.

"We have found that 23 substitute bodies were passed off on the Hancock Insurance Company alone, and as soon as the plotters are indicted there will be exhumed. The investigation into the remarkable plot has hardly begun."

According to stories told by her relatives, Sarah Weber was tortured in order to compel her to aid in the insurance frauds.

When the girl left home she had rosy cheeks and was the picture of health. When her family found her she was a shadow of herself. She told her brother that she had been beaten, starved and slashed with knives to force her to help those engaged in the conspiracy.

LEFT IT TO THE COURT.

The Question Referred to a Certain Kind of Potation.

(From the Boston Post.)

Judge Robert O. Harris of Bridgewater, who was appointed superior court judge last year, is becoming noted for his vein of shrewd, dry humor. His colleagues of the Plymouth county bar were aware of this characteristic long ago.

He was once trying a liquor case before Judge Warren A. Reed of Brockton. Judge Reed is chairman of the state board of arbitration and is one of the most courteous, patient and kindly of men.

An argument arose between Bob Harris, as he was then called, and the opposing counsel, whether the liquor in question was gin, rum or whiskey.

"Well, I don't care," said Judge Harris, finally; "I don't pose as an expert on liquors. I'll leave it to the court."

The sly intimation in Judge Harris' association of words, with his look of bland innocence, was completely irresistible. Beginning with the members of the bar, a spasm of merriment spread throughout the court room, in which Judge Reed himself, after a vain effort at composure, was fain to join.

HIS REASON.

Smithkins—There's old Biffkins. I don't care to meet him. Let's turn this way. Last summer I requested a loan of twenty dollars.

Tiffkins—Well, he ought to have obliged you; he's rich enough.

Smithkins—The trouble is, he did!

ABELENE, Tex., Feb. 18.—The residence of C. A. Robinson, at Caps, was burned last night and his 18 year old daughter and two young sons perished in the flames. Miss Robinson had an opportunity to escape but tried to save her brothers.

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COAL FAMINE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Thousands of Chicago tenants will face suffering from cold and other inconveniences if the landlords do not sign the agreement and wage scale of the Flat Janitors' Union by Saturday. A vote is now being taken in the union relative to a general strike Saturday in every flat and apartment building in the city where the owners have refused the union terms.

The vote is being taken by postal card and the answers are pouring into the hands of Wm. Feather, the union president, indicating that a large majority is in favor of walking out. There are 1,800 janitors in the union, but only those in buildings controlled by men who refuse to sign the union agreement will strike.

If the strike shall be declared Saturday, the coal supply, grocer deliveries and all other necessities that unions can control will be cut off.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 18.—The high water in the Tennessee river reached 21 feet last night and began to fall slowly. The velocity of the flood is quite rapid. Warmer weather and no rains are predicted for this section.

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