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Cure Said to Be Assured for the World's Greatest Scourge, the Plague of Leprosy.

The news from Hawaii indicates that science has at last found the sure and systematic way to the cure of this world's most appalling disease. Of the 142 former lepers who have been paroled from the Kala hospital in the last two years none has been sent back.

It is peculiar that the plague which has troubled the world at least sixty centuries, and probably much longer, should eventually be controlled by one of the oldest remedies ever used for it. To modern science is due the discovery of the bacillus of leprosy, but its cure is accomplished with refined chaulmoogra oil, the essence of an Indian plum, which has been used by lepers in the East for centuries. Science has improved on native practice not only in the oil but in its application.

To a world which has 3,000,000 lepers the success of the doctors at Kala is heartening. China, when better days come, can set about the cure of her 2,000,000 stricken. India has 200,000 lepers, Japan 20,000. And the United States has had a big leper problem which the developments in Hawaii should soon solve. While the cases of leprosy in the continental United States are few—perhaps not 300—we have thousands of lepers in our island possessions, particularly the Philippines. Now that the way is clear our medical service can go ahead there as it has proceeded in Hawaii.

The Home-Run Trick.
A baseball fan writes in his favorite paper to protect against the undesired honors heaped upon the "slugger." Why, he asks, should a home-run hitter be lionized above a fast runner, who uses both feet and brains, or a smart pitcher, who uses both brains and arms?

The answer is easy. The home run is the limit of accomplishment in batting. There is, there can be, nothing bigger. When it comes with the bases full it is catastrophic, and there is no delight in anything in all of us to delight in catastrophes that leave us untouched. In some this subconscious impulse shows itself in fomenting political revolution. Such people would like to see a universal smashup, the world turned inside out, just to see what it would be like afterward. In the baseball devotee the home-run with the bases full satisfies this craving. So far as that particular game is concerned, the home-run is the crack of doom.—New Bedford Standard.

KEEP CHICKS IN BEST CONDITION

Young Fowls When Old Enough to Shift for Themselves Must Be Given Care.

NEGLECT IS CAUSE OF LOSS

Bulletin Given Out by Department of Agriculture Especially for Beginners Gives Essentials for Proper Growth.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

The enthusiasm with which many poultry raisers, particularly beginners, start in the spring with young chicks sometimes leads as the season advances and the chicks get old enough to shift for themselves, if care is neglected at this period, however, success is improbable. The baby chicks may be smart little fellows from strong, vigorous parent stock, and they may have been brooded carefully for the first two or three weeks, but unless they receive proper care and management during their later growing period they will not develop properly, and many of them will be lost by sickness and disease. This is the timely warning made by poultrymen of the United States Department of Agriculture in Farmers' Bulletin 1111, "Management of Growing Young Chicks," published by the Department, in which is given the essentials to proper growth and development of chicks. The bulletin is written briefly and in simple terms for beginners, especially members of boys and girls' poultry clubs.

Suitable Food and Care.
The chief essentials to the proper growth of chicks, according to the bulletin, are good coops, or houses, cleanliness, proper feed and water, shade and free range. Growing chicks should be provided with large, roomy coops or houses, which will give them a comfortable place to stay at night and during stormy weather. The bulletin suggests no particular kind of house, but states it should be so built that it will provide the chicks with plenty of light, pure air and sunshine, and protect them from dampness and storms of all kinds.

Chicks should never be crowded in brood coops, for crowding will cause them to become overheated, resulting in improper growth and sometimes in dead chicks.

Sickness or disease usually starts in unclean quarters, and in such places lice and mites are always more plentiful, the bulletin says. The coops should be cleaned and sprayed once a week, and clean shavings, chaff, or sand put on the floor. Examine the chicks and houses often for lice and mites, and if found they should be gotten rid of at once. Farmers' Bulletin 1110 gives directions for fighting lice and mites.

Feed Right for Rapid Growth.
The three kinds of feeds most necessary for rapid growth are grain feed, green feed and dry mash. A grain mixture should be fed night and morning, giving as large a quantity as the chicks will eat clean, but no more. A good mixture for growing chicks consists of three parts cracked corn, two parts wheat and two parts hulled oats. Kafir corn or rolled or hulled barley may be substituted for hulled oats. A supply of fresh green feed is almost as necessary as grain for growing chicks. They obtain plenty of it if they have free range, but if kept in confinement, lawn grass, beet tops, cabbage, lettuce or other such green food should be supplied regularly.

Grain and oyster shells should be provided so the chicks may help themselves whenever they wish. When sour milk can be obtained it should also be kept before the chicks, as no feed is regarded better for them. When this is given the amount of beef scrap in the dry mash may be reduced one-half. Plenty of fresh, clean water is absolutely necessary, and in hot weather it should be provided twice daily in dishes that have been thoroughly cleaned.

The bulletin emphasizes the importance of free range and shade for growing chicks. They are necessary if chicks are to grow rapidly and develop into vigorous fowls. When growing chicks have free range they obtain quantities of green feed, bugs, worms and other things, therefore they require less grain and are less liable to sickness and disease.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER
OTHER ADVENTURES.

The boy and the girl who were going in search of fine adventures met a great many boys and girls at one time.

"Who are you? All of you?" asked the boy.

"And who are you?" asked the others.

"I'm an adventurer," said the boy.

"And I'm his companion," said the girl. "We're both on our way to the House of Secrets."

"We thought of going there ourselves," said the others. "We're off for adventures."

"Let's all go together," said the boy.

"Let's," they all agreed.

"Well, I know which of these crossroads to take," said the boy, "for I was shown which was the short cut."

"We tried that road and it led nowhere at all," said the others.

"That is," added one, "there are ravines and steep banks where the dirt and you will fall down together if you're not careful. And even if you're careful it will do the same. And there is a creek a little distance below where many trees have fallen, and you have to climb over the great trunks of the trees if you want to go on."

"This other road is much smoother," said the girl. "It looks as if more people had traveled upon it."

"Don't you remember," said the boy, "how we came to the crossroads before and how we chose the smoother of the two roads rather than the bumpy one?"

"Then we met the witch and she told us that the bumpy one was the one we should have taken. We took the smooth one and it didn't lead anywhere at all. She called it the Road of Smoothness."

"She told us we couldn't always dodge the bumps if we wanted to find the House of Secrets. She seemed to think bumps were really quite important."

"I think," said the girl, "that they puzzle us by doing the same thing here and that we must do the opposite of what they think we will do."

"Now they think we will take the bad road because before we should have done that. We'll take the good one, fool them and be right!"

"But," said the boy, "Joy told me that this other one was right. He

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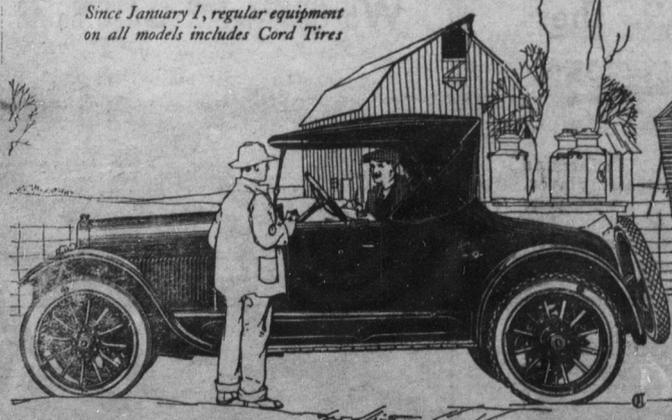
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