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RABIES FROM THE DOG BITE IS YET A MYSTERY

Is Assured, as With Other Diseases, That It Is Caused by Some Bacilli in Microscopic Form In The Blood.

It is an exploded fiction that rabies is more rampant in "dog days" than at any other season of the year. The season comes in summer when Sirius, the "dogstar," brightest of all those stars which we call "fixed stars" and chief orb of the constellation Callis Major, is in conjunction with our own sun, or, in other words, appears to be at about the same point in the celestial universe on account of the changed position of the earth in its orbit. It is a matter of record that there have been more cases of a dog bite this winter than during the last period of dog days and it has been demonstrated that many of the animals were affected with rabies.

No canine is immune from this disease. Other animals may be affected, but they are not so likely to bite the human animal. One dog is as likely as another to have rabies. The mad dog is not necessarily the yellow cur, which could be excused for insanity on account of having no home and being kicked and cuffed from birth to death.

As a fact, the pampered household pet is no more immune than the alien yellow edition without pride of ancestry. "Tray, Blanche and Sweet—some of her ladyship's boudoir, are as much of a real menace as "mongrel curs of low degree." Quite recently, six members of a prominent family in Erie, Pa., were bitten by "Bunkie," a pet terrier. The animal was found to be affected with rabies and the bitten ones were all sent to a Pasteur institute for treatment. The truth is that dogs of high lineage, family pets, are more liable to attack than the guttered variety, just as many members of royalty and nobility are insane or degenerate by reason of exotic or hot-house breeding.

What is rabies, or hydrophobia? The latter term is a misnomer. It comes from a time of utter ignorance of the disease or infection, when it was declared that a mad dog would not touch water, a sure sign of madness. It was also held that if one who was bitten by a dog did not reject water there could be no danger of hydrophobia.

Rabies, the result of a bite by a dog infected is yet a mystery. It is assumed with this, as with most other diseases, that some creature of the multiple genus of bacilli is the devil incarnate in microscopic form.

"The first thing to be considered is that when two dogs have been fighting it is best to have both confined at once in a safe place, collared and chained," says an eminent authority in giving advice for first aid in "mad dog" troubles. "If either becomes sick, dispose of both and of all other animals which have been bitten or in contact with them. If a person has been bitten by a dog, secure the animal and keep it under close observation for at least two weeks. If the dog is sound and well at the end of that period, the person bitten has nothing whatever to fear from rabies or hydrophobia, even though the dog should become sick later on. The commonly accepted idea that the life of the person is affected by the future life of the animal is a foolish mistake.

"It is a known fact that a dog can infect by bite or contact at least seven days before he shows signs of having the disease. That is why observation for two weeks is advised as a measure of greater safety. It is also advisable not to kill the animal which has bitten, but to keep it in quarantine for that length of time.

"After two weeks, if the dog under suspicion is healthy, the person bitten is absolutely safe from that bite, as the wound can be of no greater danger than that received from another source. But if the dog should sicken and die during that time its head, at least, should be sent away for examination at some Pasteur Institute, and any person bitten or in contact should apply at once for treatment."

It is admitted, of course, that the most effective preventive of rabies would be the killing of all dogs, but that is out of the question. Dogs are as inevitable as the "harmless, necessary cat" of Shakespeare. Each dog may have his day, but the canine genus will be with us until the planets decay and all the suns grow cold. The other great preventive is to muzzle all dogs when allowed on the streets, letting the family which coddles a rabid dog be the only sufferer.

Short Health Talks No. 4.

CARE OF THE BABY IN SUMMER.

With the warm weather, young mothers in the city become much alarmed for the safety of their children and often insist on hurrying away to the country. There is no reason for this, for there are very few localities in Virginia where a baby may not be kept throughout the entire summer, if the mother will take a few simple precautions. Neglect and foolish treatment kill more babies than hot weather and crowded streets. The baby's food is the most important matter during the summer. In many cases, the baby's digestion is unsettled during the first year or two, and can only assimilate certain forms of food. No mother is competent to decide on this food, but she should consult a good doctor and abide implicitly by his instructions. If the doctor says give the baby a certain diet, give that diet and no other. Never give the baby any other food with the belief that it won't hurt him. Hundreds of babies die from diarrheal diseases every summer because their mothers think certain

things won't hurt them. Hardly less important than proper food is proper clothing. In their fear that their babies may catch cold, some mothers keep them covered during the hottest days with enough clothing to kill them. Regulate the child's clothing entirely by the weather; reduce it to a minimum during the hot hours of midday, and increase it with any fall in the temperature. A slight change in the weather is felt very quickly by a young child, and should therefore be guarded against.

Another important point for the summer is to regulate the airing and recreation of the baby. It is a great mistake to send the child off to a park for the whole morning, under the care of a nurse who will probably leave the little one with the light streaming in its eyes, while she talks with her beau. Be careful in your selection of a nurse, and instruct her to the letter in what she must do and what she must not do. Above everything else, do not be too independent about doctoring the baby. If the baby develops diarrhea, or begins to show any signs of fever or physical discomfort, send for the doctor. In case the doctor cannot be procured on short notice, cut off all food and give the baby a teaspoonful of castor oil. A good purge will frequently ward off intestinal troubles, but it should never be given a child immediately before or soon after being fed.

The key note to the whole matter is common sense. Watch the baby closely, administer to its changing wants and do not hesitate to call in a doctor if you become alarmed about the child.

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AMERICAN WOMEN ARE WELL OFF

COMPARED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FAIR SEX IN U. S. SHOULD NOT COMPLAIN.

Women in America have no reason, as a whole, to consider their lot anything but fortunate when it is compared with that of their sisters in some foreign countries. Take for instance the way womanhood among Russia's poorer classes is dealt with. A Russian wife is nine times out of ten treated with the utmost brutality and beaten on the most trivial provocation. In many districts she is used as a beast of burden. She is rather looked upon as a slave than as a human being with tastes, desires and feelings of her own.

Here the old adage is correct, that the most debased and injured of womanhood is to be found in the most primitive states. One can not help when one travels in Russia and in the Balkan Peninsula recalling the words of Herbert Spencer, who thought that the saddest part of the history of humanity concerned the treatment of women.

"And if we had before us its unwritten history, we should find this part still sadder. I say sadder, because, though there have been many things most conspicuously dreadful—cannibalism, the torturing of prisoners, the sacrificing of victims to ghosts and gods—these have been but occasional; whereas the brutal treatment of women has been universal and constant. The amount of suffering which has been and is borne by women is utterly beyond imagination."

All over the civilized world there seems to be a movement in favor of women. It is an obvious sign of progress, and the gradual and universal emancipation of women during the beginning of the 20th century will no doubt be overlooked by the historians of the future.

But the progress is extremely slow. Take Japan, for instance. Here we have a country which not very long ago was, like most eastern nations, following the old precept which says: "Women must obey her father when she is a child, her husband when she is married, her son when she is a widow." One of the greatest philosophers of the past has even declared that "woman has no soul!"

Not so very long ago, as a sign of the progress of civilization, a law was passed allowing a wife, as well as the husband, to ask for divorce, but even when the husband was the offender he was granted the custody of the children. Even today love marriages are the exception in the Land of the Rising Sun. The woman is still treated as an inferior kind of being and very little respected by men.

However, there have been changes of late in the treatment of Japanese women. Thanks to the example of European residents, they are becoming more respected; they exchange visits and are allowed to speak even in the presence of their husbands and brothers.

A Thrilling Rescue.

How Bert R. Lean, of Cheney, Wash., was saved from a frightful death, is a story to thrill the world. "A hard cold," he writes, "brought on a desperate lung trouble that baffled an expert doctor here. Then I paid \$10 to \$15 a visit to a lung specialist in Spokane, who did not help me. Then I went to California, but without benefit. At last I used Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me and now I am as well as ever." For lung trouble, bronchitis, coughs and colds, asthma, croup and whooping cough its supreme. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by B. F. Hughes.

INDUSTRIAL NEWS

Items That Will Interest Many of Our Readers.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, it is reported, contemplates making improvements on the Ohio River line between Huntington and Kenova, W. Va. It is stated that several trestles will be replaced with steel bridges.

It is stated that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway officials deny the press report sent out from Ronceverte, that the company contemplated the building of a branch from that place to Rupert, W. Va., about 40 miles.

THE ELKHORN EXTENSION BEGUN. An officer of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Ry., at Johnson City, Tenn., says that Rinehart & Dennis have been authorized to proceed with the first seven miles of the Elkhorn extension. These seven miles begin at Kiser on the Clinch Valley Division of the N. & W. Ry., and extend to the summit of Sandy Ridge. The Elkhorn extension is to be constructed from Dante, Va., to Elkhorn City, Ky., 40 miles, and this is the first work authorized by the company.

CATAWBA COAL & IRON CO. The Catawba Coal & Iron Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$2,500,000 for a general mining development. This company has taken option on 8,000 acres of coal and iron lands near Fincastle, Va., where it intends to build a large mining plant and construct a railroad to provide transportation facilities for the output. It will also give consideration in the future to the construction of furnaces. The Catawba corporation is understood to be an enterprise of New York capitalists associated with Chas. E. Willis of Fincastle.

THE C. H. & D. CO. GOES THROUGH. Announcement is made in New York that terms have been agreed upon to close the deal for the acquisition of the C. H. & D. Ry., by the B. & O. Ry. The principle feature which delayed the plan was an arrangement for meeting the 4 1/2 per cent. notes of the purchased line. It is stated that new securities will be guaranteed by the B. & O. Ry., and these will be exchanged for the notes. The receivership of the road is to be terminated by the 1st of August. The C. H. & D. Co. has more than 1,000 miles of line, 150 locomotives and more than 13,000 cars. Its lines extend from Cincinnati to Ironton, Dayton, Hamilton and Toledo, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind., and Springfield, Ill., while it also operates trains to Chicago in connection with the Monon route.

WAYNESBORO AND BASIC MAY MERGE. The Waynesboro correspondent of the Washington Herald says: "There is a strong movement on foot among the business men and citizens of Waynesboro and Basic looking to the consolidation of these two towns, and there is reason to believe that this consolidation will be accomplished before the end of the year. The excellent transportation facilities of the two towns, the unlimited supply of pure spring water, its mild, dry climate, coupled with the low cost of living and its healthy conditions, are attracting investors and home-seekers from other parts of Virginia, as well as from other States, and there is a steady demand for properties and investments of all in both places."

Oriental dye-makers obtain 40 shades of yellow from the shell of the pomegranate.

India has a rice crop this season of 22,338,949 short tons, 1,108,116 more than last season.

WHEN HER BACK ACHES

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A WASTED STORY.

A SHOWER CAME ALONG TO SPOIL THE MINISTER'S APPEAL.

It is said that a New England minister once told the following story just before the collection was taken up: "I have heard of a man, prosperous and well-to-do, who went to church one Sunday and put a cent—just a plain copper cent—in the collection box.

"On the way home he was overtaken by a sudden heavy shower and having no umbrella, crawled into a hollow log by the roadside to keep himself dry until the downpour was over.

"Soon the log began to swell, and the water it got the more it swelled, until the sides finally closed in on the prosperous citizen and held him in a grip like a vise.

"The rain ceased, but the unfortunate man was unable to move hand or foot. He shouted for help, but no one heard him. He was about to give up in despair, when he suddenly thought of the cent he had dropped in the collection box that day, and it made him feel so mean and small that he crawled right out of the log without any further trouble.

"Now if you expect to get caught in a shower and be obliged to take refuge in a hollow log on the way home, by all means put a cent in the contribution basket! If you don't anticipate a crisis of that sort—well, you will know what to do when the basket is passed!"

The minister expected a shower of silver and bills to follow this story, but unfortunately, just as the collection began, a black cloud passed overhead, it suddenly began to sprinkle—and the pennies fairly rained into the contribution basket! Only one quarter, a solitary dime and a lone nickel were found among the coppers; and they got in before the shower began.

The congregation, it seems, had all left their umbrellas at home, and they were not taking any chances.

The town of Bangkok is largely afloat, the houses being built on rafts of bamboo.

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