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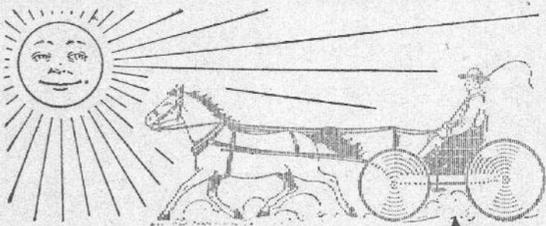
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A thousand curious eyes at a distance followed the perambulations of the strange little steel prison in which this baby now takes his morning's airing. Bar Harbor society is intensely interested over the thousand and one ironclad safeguards which have been drawn around this prodigy of wealth.

The McLean baby is guarded now as carefully from all save his nurse and detective warders as if he were a little prisoner held as a hostage. Whenever he goes out of doors he goes in his carriage cage, padlocked, and detectives armed with the latest firearms follow the baby and his nurse to and fro across the lawn wherever the ride leads.

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An Automobile for the Boys.

At the close of the state fair, which will be held at Shreveport November 2 to 11, 1910, the best corn exhibits by the boys of the corn clubs will be sent to the National Corn Exposition, which will be held at Columbus, Ohio, January 30 to February 12, 1911. All boys' corn clubs of the southern states will go into competition. The premium for this contest as announced by the secretary of the exposition will be a Brush automobile. This premium will be awarded on the basis of the rules and regulations issued by the office of the Boys' Demonstration Work, Washington, D. C. The basis for awarding the prize is as follows:

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Twelve Thousand Consumptives in Penal Institutions of Country—Fifteen Per Cent of Prison Population Affected.

That there are 12,000 tuberculous prisoners in the state, federal and local prisons and jails of the United States, with less than 25 special institutions and hardly 800 beds for their treatment, are some of the charges made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

From several investigations that have been made, it is estimated that on an average about fifteen per cent of the prison population of the country is afflicted with tuberculosis. On this basis, out of the 80,000 prisoners housed in the penal institutions of continental United States at any given time, not less than 12,000 are infected with this disease. If the Philippine Islands and other insular possessions were taken into consideration, the number would be much larger. Some of the prisons of Pennsylvania, Kansas and Ohio show such shocking conditions with reference to tuberculosis that many wardens admit that these places of detention are deathtraps. Similar conditions could be found in almost every state, and in the majority of cases the only sure remedy is the destruction of the old buildings and the erection of new ones.

Only twenty-one prisons in fifteen states and territories have provided special places for the treatment of their tuberculous prisoners. These institutions can accommodate, however, only 800 patients. In three-fourths of the major prisons and in practically all the jails of the country the tuberculous prisoner is allowed freely to infect his fellow prisoners, very few restrictions being placed upon his habits. When the congested mode of prison life is considered, the danger of infection becomes greater than in the general population. New York and Massachusetts are the only states where any systematic attempt has been made to transfer all tuberculous prisoners to one central institution. The largest prison tuberculosis hospital is in Manila, where accommodations for 200 prisoners are provided. The next largest is Clinton Prison Hospital in New York, which provides for 150.

The fact that 100,000 prisoners are discharged from the jails and prisons of the country annually, and that from ten to fifteen per cent of them have tuberculosis, makes the problem of providing special places for their treatment while they are confined a serious one. So important is the problem that the Prison Association of New York in co-operation with the State Charities Aid Association, is preparing to inaugurate a special campaign for the prevention of tuberculosis in the penal institutions of the state, and will seek to enlist the co-operation of all prison physicians and anti-tuberculosis societies in this work.

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