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Board of Health State of Louisiana.

New Orleans, March 20th 1896. To Mr. E. A. Duchamp, St. Martin, Parish, La.

Dear Sir: As numerous applications have been made to this office by Health Officers throughout the State for information and suggestions concerning the sanitary treatment of Small Pox cases in community, it is thought a visable to issue the following letter setting forth the practices of this Board.

Methods of Disinfection of Small Pox infected premises, as practiced by the Board of Health, State of Louisiana; and Suggestions to Health Officers.

All clothing and bedding that has been in contact with patient should be burned. To insure rapid combustion, the articles are sprinkled with coal oil or turpentine. These articles when collected should be wrapped in a sheet that has been saturated in Mercuric Chloride Solution (1 to 1000) before being taken from the house.

Clothing and other fabries that have not been in contact with the patient, and that will admit of such treatment, should be boiled in water for at least 30 minutes, and then rinsed in a solution (1 to 1,000) of bi-chloride of mercury, (say I dram to a gatlon of water), and afterwards laundried. All secretions or excretions from the patient that cannot be burned should be disinfected with mercuric solution. Napkins and cloths used about the patient should be burned immediately after being used. The patient should be confined until all pus has disappear and desquamation is complete and should be thoroughly sponged off with tepid water and soap, and dressed in a new or non-infected suit before being released. If the patient dies, the body should be wrapped in a sheet saturated with bi-chlodide of mercury (sol. 1 to 500) and placed in a tight coffin, and should be buried in an extra deep grave

Public and church funerals should be positively forbidden.

Room-All drawers and doors of furniture should be opened and all fabrics that do not admit of other treatment should be opened out as much as possible and suspended in the room. The room should be closed and made as tight as possible by stopping all opening in floor, walls, chimney and cracks near windows and doors. Crevices can be closed by pasting strips of paper (old newspaper) over them with a paste made of flour. After the room has been thus prepared, roll sulphur should be burned in the room 3 pounds to 1000 cubic feet of air space, or about 6 pounds to an ordinary room. The sulphur should be placed in an iron pot, and this placed in a tub with about one inch of water in the bottom. This precaution is taken to guard against accidents, as the sulphur is liable to boil over and set fire to the house. This sulphur is easily ignited by sprinkling alcohol over 11, and then lighting it or by placing kindling pine in the pot crosswise, and piling the sulphur on the lighted pine. The apartment should be kept closed fifteen hours, and then opened and well ventilated. After this ventilation the walls, floor, ceiling and furniture should be well sprinkled with mercuric chloride, solution 1 to 1,000, and afterwards washed down with warm water. If the walls are papered the paper should be torn off; if the walls are plastered they should be given a coating of whitewash made with lime and the bi-chloride solution.

The yards, drains, cesspools, etc., can be cheaply disinfected by flushing with a solution of sulphate of iron (copperas) I pound to a gallon of water.

All cases should be completely isolated and guarded, both day and night by trustworthy guards, and no one allowed to enter or leave except the doc tor who, of course, should be well vaccinated and have his dress covered by a duster or rubber coat before entering the sick room. This covering should be disinfested by washing in bi-chloride solution after each visit, and the hands of the physician should also be washed in this solution before leaving the house.

Ail persons who have been exposed to the contagion of Small Pox should be at once vaccinated. Vaccination will be effective in about 7 days, whereas the period of incubation of Small Pox is 12 to 14 days. Vaccination after exposure to Smail Pox will frequently prove pro-

tective and can't do any harm. General quarantine for Small Pox is to be depricated. The period of incubation, 14 days, is so great that one from an infected locality could travel all over the country and come in on a community from an unsuspected point before the disease developed. Every case should be restricted to the locality in which it is developed. The infected should be quarantined in place and not allowed to escape into another parish. It is only

by concerted action of all the parishes throughout the State that we will be able to rid ourselves of this disease. Railroads and steam boats should be notified not to carry any one with an eruption unless they have a physician's certificate that it is not Small Pox.

People who have been exposed to Small Pox and refuse to be vaccinated should be put in quarantine for a period of 14 days. Every one should be vaccinated who has not been successfully vaccinated within the past year. Physicirns should be required to report promptly to the Health Officers all suspicious cases that the proper supervision may be exercised.

I would warn against the careless handling of disinfectants, as most of them are poisonous, especially in this the case with the mercuric solution.

In parishes or towns where a number of cases occur, it is advisable and often times necessary to establish a pest house where all cases can be treated. To concentrate all the cases to one institution convenient of access lessens the number of foci of infection and the danger of spread, as well as being more thoroughly under the control of the Health Offi-

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19th Judicial District Court.

Probate Docket No 2863,

By virtue of an order and a commis sion from the Honsrable Nineteenth Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, holding sessions in and for the Parish of St. Martin of date February 27th 1896, in accordance with the deliberations and advice of a family mee ting and on the terms and conditions fixed by said meeting held before W. A. Bienvenu a Notary Public in and for the Parish of St. Martin, on the 25th day of January 1896, to me directed, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the last and highest bidders, at the last residence of the deceased in the Parish of St. Martin, between the legal sale hours on

Saturday the 11th day of April 1896,

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MOLIERE ROMERO, Tutor.

PROMULGATION.

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In faith whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially at St. Martinville, Parish of St. Mariin, thir 3rd day of March 1896

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