

A PECULIAR THEORY, FIXED IN HIS MIND

One Doctor Holds That Rough Streets Cause Nervous Diseases. None of the Details Are Overlooked or Forgotten.

RUMBLING NOISES RESPONSIBLE, GIVEN WITH DISTINCTNESS

Some Experiments With a Tuning Fork for an Illustration.

GOOD PLEA FOR BETTER PAVEMENTS

In a chat with a DISPATCH reporter yesterday, a prominent physician of this city opened up a new field of discussion about the proper kind of pavements for a city to use.

As another peculiar fact, he affirmed that the ears of the city man are not so acute as those of the man who lives in the country, all because the ears of the former are constantly subjected to a din similar to that in a boiler works, made by the rumbling wagons on the rough streets.

Dr. Ayres, a specialist on nervous diseases was interviewed on the subject, and said that in his practice he had not come across any cases in which the disease was first caused by the noise named. However, it was possible, and he had not had his attention directed to this cause before.

It was a fact, he said, that where a person was in any way predisposed to nervousness, the noise of the streets aggravated the disease, or a complication of diseases, and from a small beginning often led the patient in a serious condition. He has been studying this feature of street noises, but has not gotten far enough in his studies to say that the rumbling pavement is a primary cause.

In his experiments he uses an instrument resembling a tuning-fork, a little over a foot long. As a heavy mill wagon went rumbling by he called attention to the fact that the vibrations could be felt in the feet and head by leaning the cranium on the back of a chair.

Striking the tuning-fork on the floor, he put the handle end on the back of the reporter's head, and ran it up and down the spine, when the same sensation as that from the tuning fork was experienced.

Several other doctors said that the rumbling pavement was a potent factor in the prevalence of nervous diseases, they refused to allow their names to be mentioned. Cases of "railway spine," caused by the constant shaking of a locomotive engine, has to be mentioned as showing the result of shaking when it becomes violent.

When the vibrations of the fork are increased in number it produces a peculiar sensation of light pain or weariness found in nervous persons. If a person has some disease of the auditory system and the fork is applied to the part, it is like biting on an ulcerated throat.

The clanging of the register bell in the street cars, Dr. Ayres said, also had a great tendency to aggravate nervous diseases, and he said it must be abolished as necessary to the perfect health and bodily comfort of all citizens.

Said one physician: "If all the streets were paved smoothly like the eastern end of Fort street, the entire city would be benefited every night by opening the firetraps, thus clearing away the organic matter which, if allowed to remain, forms a nest for the breeding of disease germs."

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It isn't altogether easy for a man to talk about himself, but when he has been through a notable experience it is only himself that he can adequately describe. It was indeed a notable experience that the speaker in this case passed through. That its details are still firmly fixed in his mind is shown by the distinctness with which he describes them.

"It may not seem," said Mr. McGrew, "very important to anybody else, but it was rashly important to me, for I felt, as did my friends, that my trouble could not help but end in my being obliged to give up work and everything else, I was failing so steadily and surely."

"After a time the trouble seemed to extend to my eyes and ears. My sight became dim. My eyes would fill with water and I could hardly see. My hearing was so bad that I could hardly hear. If I would overtake them in the least by reading they would ache and pain me so that I could hardly bear it. Sounds like ringing and buzzing would come in my ears and I could see that my hearing was being affected."

"As the trouble extended my throat became very seriously involved. I would catch cold on the slightest provocation. My throat would feel raw and inflamed and would be so sore that I could hardly get my food down. In spite of everything I could do the trouble kept getting stronger and stronger upon me."

"I had to be continually hawking and raising to clear my throat. Something would seem to stick there that I could not get up or down. I could feel the mucus dropping back, and sometimes I would have choking and coughing spells that would leave me miserable."

"My stomach became very much deranged. There would be a feeling of discomfort and nausea after eating, and what I did eat seemed to lie there like a load or weight. Frequently I would sit down to the table and find myself unable to eat anything at all. The sight or smell of food seemed to take away my appetite."

Willard McGrew, 16 Sheffield St., Allegheny. "In later years there would be a dry, feverish kind of feeling in my throat. Sharp shooting pains would take me in the chest, running through to the shoulder blades. An aching feeling, more like a horrible burning, would be in the throat, and I would get weak and faint. My sleep did not seem to refresh me and I would get up in the morning feeling more tired than when I went to bed at night. My head would be very sore. I would have feversish spells, followed by a cold, chilly sensation. I tried many physicians, but in spite of everything I could do, I grew steadily weaker and worse, losing flesh all the time."

Additional Evidence by Mail. About the middle of last May Miss Lottie J. Forster, of 229 Arch street, Meadville, Pa., placed herself under treatment by mail with Dr. Copeland & Blair. Her trouble had so completely involved her whole system as to almost entirely deprive her of the ability to perform her duties at home. In stating her case by letter just previous to the date above mentioned she complained of terrible headache, followed by spells of vomiting, which would compel her to lie in bed for 24 hours, after which she would be completely unable to get up. Her medicine in the morning, which she took at 10 o'clock, was followed by others in her stomach and side.

June 15 she writes: "Your medicine is doing me good. I do not feel so tired, and my head has only ached twice, and that was caused by a fresh cold I caught. My head is better. I am still improving. Your treatment is doing me a great deal of good. On June 25 I am able to see still further improvement." On July 2 her letter stated that she was feeling very well. August 5 she writes: "I have had but one headache since I last wrote you and am improving in every way. August 26 she writes: "I feel quite well. I have had no headache since I last wrote you and am improving in every way. August 26 she writes: "I feel quite well. I have had no headache since I last wrote you and am improving in every way."

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