Social & Personal

A GOODLY PORTION of the residents of this city will have migrated southward, at least as far as Washington, before Monday. Many expect to go further into the sunny land to remain for a few weeks.

The Fortnight Whist club held a whist party at the Excelsior Social club Monday night. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Oettinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Samter, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Samter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. M. Troutfelt, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Goldsmith, Mrs. S. Haslacher, of Rochester. The prizes were won by Joseph Levy, Mrs. Ben Samter and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marks. The affair was in charge of Mrs. R. M. Goldsmith and Mrs. Jeff Freeman.

The first Monday in Lent was a record-breaker as regards the energetic performances of a number of fair devotees, who gathered at the Lackawanna Hospital and sewed violently all the afternoon. It was the most satisfactory day's work of the season, and the ladies are congratulating themselves on their early enthusiasm. Sewing parties for charity will be a fad during Lent in this city as well as in larger towns. In that respect we are not second-class. There are probably few busy places where more work of this kind is accomplished than in Scranton.

Mrs. Carolyn Wolfe-Worden will give a musicale, March 28, at Guernsey hall, assisted by excellent local talent, among the number being Messrs. J. T. Watkins, Alfred Wooler, Charles Doersam and F. Vandervoken. The patronesses will be Mrs. W. L. Connell, Mrs. C. P. Matthews, Mrs. E. B. Jermyn, Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Mrs. H. H. Brady, jr., Mrs. C. B. Penman, Mrs. T. C. von Storch, Madame Timberman-Randolph, Mrs. Theo. Hemberger, Mrs. H. C. Wallace, Mrs. E. H. Ripple, Mrs. G. W. Kear, Mrs. S. T. Jones, Mrs. David Spruks.

Miss Kate Neher, of Pittston avenue, was tendered a surprise Monday evening in honor of her birthday. Those present were Misses Martha, Lydia and Louise Nordt, Edna Klauminzer, Lizzie and Yetta Elkis, Anna Bresser, Anna Faust, Carrie Nape, Theresa Brill, Louisa Hanseilman, Mollie Koch, Kate Lewert, Meta Jones, Lottie Wirth, Mary Wirth, Carrie Neher, Verna Smith, Etta Nape, Mrs. George Neher, Lizzie Nape, and Messrs. George Wirth, William Hetrich, Jacob Heffalinger, Paul Nordt, Pastor Nordt, William Schunk, Charles Neher.

Miss Linen gave a pretty luncheon on Thursday, in honor of Miss Laverty. The other guests were: Mrs. James Gardner Sanderson, Mrs. George Sturges, Mrs. B. E. Watson, Mrs. Clarence Sturges, Mrs. A. C. Twitchell, Mrs. Charles Coursen, Mrs. Klotz, Miss Bennell, Miss Boies, Miss Belin, the Misses Laverty, Miss Anne Hand, Miss Clarke, Miss McLeod, Miss Klotz, Miss Coursen, Miss Charlotte Hand, Miss Hunt.

The "Tom Thumb" wedding at Excelsior club, Wednesday night, was a most enjoyable affair, under the direction of Miss Minnie Driesen. Little Evelyn Samter and Karl Moses were the bride and groom. Miss Adele Levy gave a charming solo dance.

Mrs. Burdett O'Connor, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly Miss Marion Hitchcock, was the guest of Mrs. G. A. Jessup this week. Dr. and Mrs. O'Connor are about to remove to Butte, Montana, for the benefit of Mrs. O'Connor's health.

Many Scranton guests attended the wedding of Miss Rene Burgunder, at Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday, to Ador E. Brown, of Pittston. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burgunder.

Mr. George P. Griffith will remove his family to California in the course of a few months. Mr. Griffith has recently been placed in charge of the Pacific Coast branch of the great asphalt company which he represents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Truesdale have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marie, to Mr. Richard Bissell, of Chicago. Miss Truesdale is a great favorite in this city, where she is an occasional visitor.

Among the flitters southward next week will be Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sprague, of Quincy avenue, who expect to travel for several weeks.

The Electric City Wheelmen had a stag party Tuesday night, which was largely attended and when a unique programme was presented.

Messrs. T. H. Dale, H. C. Wallace, J. W. Dusenberry and S. A. LaBar have returned from the Atlantic whist tournament at Baltimore.

It is rumored that a number of engagements will be announced at Easter time which will be more or less of a surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Richmond and the Misses Richmond will leave next week for a stay of some time in the south.

Mr. G. F. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Blackinton and Miss Galpin, will spend the next few weeks in Florida.

Mrs. A. W. Dickson will entertain at a thimble tea this afternoon in honor of Miss Mitchell, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. C. S. Weston has returned, after a visit at the home of Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Princeton.

Mrs. W. G. Parke and Miss Helen Parke will sail for Europe in the course of a few days.

Mrs. Klotz entertained informally at tea on Thursday, in honor of Miss Klotz, of New York.

Miss Frances Hunt entertained the Friday Afternoon Card club yesterday.

Col. and Mrs. Boies and Miss Boies will leave for Palm Beach on Wednesday. They expect to remain in the south until Easter, visiting Nassau and Cuba during their stay.

Movements of People

Mr. D. E. Taylor is in New York.
Attorney C. W. Dawson is in Boston.
Mr. A. P. Bedford is in Washington, D. C.
Mrs. J. Atticus Robertson is in New York.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Brien are in Philadelphia.
Attorney D. L. Fickes is at Philadelphia on business.
Mrs. H. H. Brady, jr., has been in New York the past week.
Mr. Harry Hyndman has gone to Washington for a few days.
The Misses Albro are in Washington, spending a fortnight.
Mr. I. P. Megargel returned from a Canadian trip on Wednesday.
Messrs. James Blair, jr., and M. B. Fuller are at Palm Beach.
Mrs. R. J. Foster has returned from a visit in Philadelphia and Harrisburg.
Mrs. Frank Silliman, jr., will spend the next few days in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Warman have gone to Palm Beach, Fla., for a few weeks.
Miss Wilder, of Rochester, N. Y., will be the guest of Miss Belin next week.
Miss Elizabeth Sanderson will spend the next two months at Southern Pines, N. C.
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Penman will go to Jacksonville and Palm Beach next week.
Major and Mrs. W. S. Millar left yesterday for Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies.
Mr. Manville, of Whitehall, N. Y., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Walter Dickson, on Jefferson avenue.
Mr. C. D. Jones and family, accompanied by Mrs. C. J. Powell and Miss Grace Northup, are in Washington.
Mrs. J. L. Crawford has returned to Florida after a brief stay in this city, where she was called by the death of a relative.
Rev. D. D. Hopkins, James A. Evans and Morgan Thomas will leave on Saturday to attend President McKinley's inauguration.
Mrs. W. J. Cronie, of Jefferson avenue, who has been spending the winter in Keyser, West Virginia, returned to the city on Monday.
Rev. Frank J. Milman has gone for a southern trip and his pulpit at the Sumner avenue Presbyterian church will be filled by A. B. Dunning next Sunday evening.
Mrs. L. J. Northup and daughters left for Washington yesterday, where they will be the guests of their cousin, Mr. Clarence Northup, who is secretary for Senator Teller.

HER POINT OF VIEW

THE DOCTORS say that instead of considering fads as something in the way of freaks, fearsome, or frivolous, or idiotic, as the case may be, they should not be frowned upon with so much violence by people who have taken the contract of setting the world right.

Instead, they should be encouraged and even cherished. In these strenuous times they are a saving grace, and the oftener we change them the better. People who have fads are apt to change them with more or less frequency, for a fad is something that has to be changed or it isn't a fad but a habit, and most habits, from the fact of the natural depravity of inanimate things, seem more likely to be bad than good. We are not nearly so prone to speak of the good habits of a person as of his bad ones. We say of the child that he has the bad habit of sucking his thumb, or not coming when he is called, or of being disobedient. We do not make such prominent mention that he has the habit of always replying politely when directly addressed, or of eating his dinner daintily. Hence when a fad grows to be a habit it is no longer nice and deserves to be discountenanced.

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The fad lady is reasonably certain to be up-to-date and is unmistakably sure to be an enthusiast. Now, enthusiasts are nice people to know, unless they gush. But a gusher isn't apt to have fads, for she is too busy gushing. To be enthusiastic is to enjoy the bright places of life and be able to see sunshine in the dark places. It is to follow the gleam, as did Merlin even before he built the fairy towers of Camelot. The one who looks on the sunny instead of the dark side adds to the world's joyousness.

So the fad lady is a benefit to her race. She isn't always collecting blue pitchers. Sometimes it is old lace, or fans. To be sure, sometimes it may be cats, which is a little unfortunate for her neighbors. Sometimes she collects old furniture. This is, of course, a dangerous stage, for it may sever life-long friendship and drive bankers to ruin. An old furniture fad, while ostensibly the most interesting in the category, is always extremely wearing on somebody, usually the Man Who Foots the Bills. He is apt to dread a business trip, and to finally break the news of his departure to his household through the medium of a messenger boy and a note requesting a hand-bag and appurtenances thereto. If he gave more advanced warning of his intentions his wife would be prepared to start off with him on a two-hundred mile trip in search of two Colonial candlesticks, value $2.75; or perhaps she would think him real mean if he refused to diverge a matter of a day's travel in order to follow up a Will-o'-the-Wispy cathedral chair of the date of 1694.

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The most fatal attacks of the old furniture fad run in the way of four-poster-beds—or rather bed; for to the enthusiastic bed hunter there is never but one object of the kind unpreempted in the world. It always happens that just before she arrived on the spot a more enterprising lady with a predediction for four-posters, had found the only one in the region poked away in a dusky alcove of some old Pennsylvania German home, had beguiled it away from the white capped innocent owner for a mere song and after hearing this story, her disconsolate rival would be triumphantly piloted to a nearby dealer in old furniture. (did you ever notice the strange coincidence that a find of an old four-poster is almost invariably located in the vicinity of a dealer in old furniture?) to have pointed out the identical bed with its blessed four posts actually carved in eighteenth century style.

After enjoying her affliction for a few minutes the dealer reluctantly admits that he knows of an old lady 'way off from Lebanon down (with a rising inflection) who has a fine old four-poster, to be sure not quite as heavily carved as this—which he believes he can persuade her to relinquish. Of course it would cost considerably more, in fact he could not confidentially state that it could be bought for less than $125, to which his commission would be added, but as she wanted a four-poster so very hard and as he did not believe another, with the exception of the one mentioned, could be found in the state of Pennsylvania, perhaps she would like to have him secure it for her. The renovating need not be so very expensive. Naturally it would need some rubbing up, old mahogany being so bad about clouding.

So my lady, as excited as if she had been at an auction sale bidding vociferously against herself, and torn between reluctance to pay such an extravagant price and the longing to go proudly home with a four-poster and drive her dearest friend mad with envy, finally commissions him to seek the wily old lady and tear from her the priceless heirloom.

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Next in rank to the four poster bed comes the claw-foot sofa, for be it known that the furniture-fad lady of the present would rather go down to her grave unwept, unhonored and unsung as ever having been the president of a Woman's club or owned a sealskin coat or conducted a rummage sale or given an interview on the subject of Mrs. Nation than not be able to make her will and leave a claw foot sofa of the century ago kind among its provisions.

Now a claw-foot sofa of that period is a staid and dignified piece of furniture. If it is authentic it is covered with hair cloth and is so hard hearted that by no possibility could it be imagined as ever having contributed to the romances of today by being a prominent feature in love making and courtship. It has weird carving along the mahogany frame and huge feet which were not accustomed to high rollers in the shape of the casters on which my lady has it mounted. Now the hair-cloth is removed at the furnisher's and art velours or dim-lined tapestry substituted over nice new soft springs, and when my lady introduces it as "Great great grandmother's you know," we all know that it is no more the sofa of anybody's great great grandmother than it is a set of her big hoops. She would disclaim the soft, luxurious, rich hued article instanter and would class it as inanitious as the modern rocker.

One lady in this vicinity wanted her husband to run for something or other so that he could go to Harrisburg and she could incidentally accompany him to hunt a certain vintage of carved hall table said to be produced in that region. "Hm!" ejaculated Mr. Husband, "they raise something that begins with H—— down at Harrisburg, but I never heard it called a hall table."

Saucy Bess.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The second recital of the second season of "Composers' Afternoons" will be given at the Southworth studio this afternoon, beginning promptly at 4 o'clock. All friends of the studio are cordially invited to be present. The programme, which was originally planned for Washington's birthday, will be as follows:

Beach, Mrs. H. H. A.—"Columbine" ..... Piano
Miss M. O'Malley.
DeKoven, Reginald—"My Cavalier" .....
Ambrose, Paul—"God's Gift" ..... Bass
Allen, C. N.—"Polonaise" ..... Violin
Miss Irma Walters.
Nevin, Ethelbert—"Ophelia" ..... Piano
Miss U. Williams.
Chadwick, George—"The Curl" ..... Soprano
Bartlet, J. C.—"Virgin's Lullaby" ..... Soprano
Miss J. Pollmous.
Paine, J. K.—"Village Dance" ..... Piano
Miss M. Weston.
Lang, Margaret—"Romance" .....
Nevin, Ethelbert—"Melody" ..... Violin
Miss M. Dorr.
Buck, Dudley—"Creole Lover's Song" ..... Tenor
Mr. Gippel.
MacDowell, Edward—"Idylle" ..... Piano
Miss B. Morrow.
Tschumud, C. V.—"Lullaby" ..... Violin
Misses Caryl Homer, Walters and Hill and Mr. Rodriguezz.
Griswold, Gertrude—"Chimney Song" .....
Coombs, Whitney—"Four-Leaf Clover" .. Contralto
Mason, William—"Spring Dawn" .....
Toccatina ..... Piano

Edward A. Niven's labors on his new libretto are drawing to a close and he expects to have the book ready for inspection about April 1. The production is comic opera; not a musical comedy nor an extravaganza, although the costumic effects are as gorgeous and prodigal as any of the latter. American satire of an impressive nature imbues each number and it is of a kind that ought to catch the popular understanding. The book will be placed in the hands of a popular manager, who has asked for it and who, if he accepts it, will choose the composer and will probably produce the same early next season. Those who are familiar with Mr. Niven's first work, "The Smith Family," are of the opinion that the author should have continued libretto writing long ago and have little doubt that his latest production will be a success.

The following programme of music will be observed in the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning:

Morning.

Organ Prelude ..... Dubois
Anthem, "O Sing Unto the Lord" ..... Buck
Offertory, Baritone Solo, "Ever Safe with God" ..... Cantor
Mr. Ralph Williams.
Organ Postlude, Prelude and Fugue in E

Evening.

Organ Prelude, Choral in E Major ..... Dubois
Minor ..... Bach
Choir Response, "Grant, We Beseech Thee" ..... Page
Trio (From Mendelssohn's Elijah), "Lift Thine Eyes."
Misses Black, Garagan and Salmon.
(Sung by request.)
Offertory, Duet, "Eventide" ..... Nevin
Messrs. Gippel and Williams.
Organ Postlude, Prelude in C ..... Bach
M. J. M. Chance, organist and director.

The authorities at Washington are to let the National Marine band go out on a brief tour to play some concerts, which will not only afford the critics an opportunity to judge of the merits of the reorganized band as an expensive organization of the government, made nearly any thing as much so as formerly by a special act of congress, but to inspire the sentiment of patriotism in young America everywhere. College towns will be very largely visited, and public schools in many places invited to participate in singing the national airs accompanied by the National band. The band numbers seventy-four members under the direction of Lieutenant William H. Santelmann, a talented musician and graduate of the Conservatory at Leipsig.

Mr. J. Alfred Pennington will give a lecture-recital before the music section of the Green Ridge Women's club at the Davidson residence, 1530 North Washington avenue, on Thursday evening next. The subject of the lecture will be the "Life and Works of Mozart." Mr. Pennington will play several of the pianoforte sonatas of Mozart, and Miss French and Mr. Huffmaster, of the Conservatory faculty, will play a four-hand arrangement of a Mozart overture.

R. J. Bauer's Thirteenth Regiment band will render their fourth annual concert at the Lyceum theatre on Thursday, March 21. The instrumentation of the band will consist of forty-five pieces, and a programme of unexcelled merit will be played. The people of Scranton and vicinity will be given an opportunity of enjoying a band concert equal to any given in this city. The managing committee appointed consists of William V. Griffiths, chairman; Theodore Hauschmann, corresponding secretary; John Burkhouser, financial secretary. The programme will be published in our next Saturday's issue, together with the names of the soloists. The band to the number of forty men will accompany the regiment to Washington to take part in the inauguration, leaving Scranton at 10 o'clock this evening.

At a recent meeting of the orchestra committee the position of conductor of the Pittsburg orchestra was tendered Mr. Victor Herbert, the term of contract to cover the three years ending March 15, 1904. Mr. Herbert has notified the committee of his acceptance and a three years' contract has been executed by both parties.

The following musical selections will be rendered at the Elm Park church tomorrow, under the direction of Mr. J. Alfred Pennington:

MORNING.

Organ—Andante in F ..... Guilmant
Choir—"We Would See Jesus" ..... Alling
Organ—Offertory in G ..... Stegall
Tenor solo—"O Sacred Head Now Wounded." Rotoli.
Choir and congregation—"Gloria in Excelsis." Claus.
Organ—Postlude in C ..... Read

EVENING.

Organ—Prelude in B Flat ..... Guilmant
Choir—"From Egypt's Bondage Come" .... Page
Organ—Offertory in A Flat ..... Stegall
Contralto solo—"Lord Whom My Heart Holds Dearly" ..... Hiller
Choir—"Abide with Me" ..... Wood
Organ—Postlude in E Flat ..... Gladstone

The pianoforte recital, to be given by the celebrated pianist, Mr. Carl Faelten, of Boston, at St. Luke's Parish house, on the evening of April 9, under the auspices of the Conservatory of Music, is one that every music-lover and student of music will be delighted to hear. Mr. Faelten will play a splendid programme, including the great Beethoven Sonata, opus 53, on a concert grand Steinway piano, sent from New York expressly for this recital. The ladies of the Music section of the Green Ridge Women's club will tender a reception to Mr. Faelten on the evening preceding the recital.

Programme of music at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow will include the following selections:

Te Deum, B Flat ..... Dudley Buck
Choir.
Duet, Soprano and Alto ..... Barks
Contralto Solo, "Heavenly Home" ..... Trehame
Miss Mary Davis.
Anthem, "The Day is Gently" ..... Hawley
Choir.

A delightful organ and song recital was given before a large audience in Trinity Episcopal church, Carbondale, last Tuesday evening by Mr. Charles H. Doersam, the Misses Black and Garagan and Mr. Ralph Williams, of the Second Presbyterian church.

Mr. Watkins sings "My Colleen Bawn," a solo from the opera "Lily of Killarney," by Jules Benedict, and a new song by C. Villiers Stanford, entitled "The Rose of Killarney," at concert in honor of Robert Emmet.

Miss Allen and Miss Freeman were in New York last week in order to hear Madame Tarnisca in Puccini's opera La Tosca, and also Fritz Kreisler, the violinist, with the Boston Symphony orchestra.

The Burgomaster, according to "speech of the people," was one of the most popular attractions that Manager Duffy has brought to the Lyceum this season. A return date is already talked of.

A few years ago Harry B. Smith, the librettist, was a ten, twenty and thirty opera singer. Energy, talent and good luck have made him wealthy and famous, while yet a young man.

At the state convention of the Young Men's Christian association, which met in Lancaster last week, Organist J. M. Chance, of the Second Presbyterian church, was the organist.

Miss Edith Benson was in fine voice and sang with great success at the special service in the Congregational church of Carbondale last Sunday night.

Mr. J. T. Watkins, director of the St. Inigo Vocal society, is rehearsing the ladies' chorus for a concert, to be given March 17th.

"Appendicitis is the Grip Localized."

"Appendicitis is but localization of the Grip affecting the intestines, and often the appendix itself; the symptoms of Grip and Appendicitis are coincident."

This statement was made by Dr. Lucas Championniere, in a paper read yesterday before the Clinic of the Academy of Medicine in Paris.

There is a seasonable Lenten warning in his assertion that while the Grip often attacks the throat or ear, yet in the case of a patient who has been an excessive eater of fresh meat, the disease almost invariably localizes in the intestines, near the appendix, or in the organ itself, producing acute appendicitis.

The savant omits to say that the greatest danger lies in the unskillfully treated and imperfectly cured cases.

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His new venture is the third successive one in which he has participated in the opening of new stores, having come from Wanamaker's in New York, where he was engaged at the time of the opening of their Broadway and Tenth store.

He has been very successful in his work and has done much to raise the standard of advertising in this city. The advertisements he writes are always bright, snappy, catchy and interesting. They have been largely quoted and copied from, and several of them which have appeared in The Tribune at different times have been awarded prizes in contests for their excellence of composition and neatness of display.

Since his residence in Scranton he has made many friends who will regret his departure, even though it means better possibilities for him.

SCIENTIFIC SALAD

"Inaccurate knowledge is a dangerous thing. So in all things let us be accurate."

Yellow Fever Again.

NOW THAT we have before us the full and authentic report of the proceedings of the Pan-American Medical congress held in Havana, fourth to seventh of February, the most important subject of which was the presentation and discussion of the report of the special yellow fever commission, we are able to form an unbiased opinion and to estimate to some degree the far-reaching influence which the findings of this commission will have upon the theories of the causation of disease and of contagion and infection, as well as in regard to vaccination and preventive inoculation, which at the present day prevail in the medical mind. Divested of all technical terms and obscure language these findings may be summarized in plain English as follows:

Yellow fever cannot be communicated by contact with the patient nor with the clothes or other articles worn by a patient before and during the course of the disease, although they may be impregnated with the excretion of the body and is, therefore, not contagious. It can, however, be communicated by inoculation if a small quantity of blood from a yellow fever patient, taken during the first two days of the disease, is injected into a healthy individual. If, however, the blood is taken later in the disease, or before the attack has set in, no result is obtained.

This disease is communicated, however, ordinarily by, and only by, the bite of a particular kind of mosquito (the Culex Fascinatus) if the insect has previously bitten a yellow fever patient during the first two days of the attack; it was also demonstrated that it takes twelve days for the specific poison to develop in the mosquito, and that healthy individuals bitten by such inoculated mosquitoes before the twelfth day after the contamination of the insect showed no symptoms of the disease, while those bitten after the twelfth day, without exception, were stricken with yellow fever after a lapse of time (period of incubation) of from forty-six hours to six days. Disinfection of houses and belongings of yellow fever patients (fumigation of letters from yellow fever districts) and quarantining of passengers from infected localities would therefore be unnecessary, provided the mosquito is destroyed.

The report winds up with saying: "While the mode of propagation of yellow fever has now been definitely determined, the specific cause of this disease remains to be discovered." In the numerous reports of yellow fever epidemics in this country and abroad, and in the lengthy and erudite dissertations on the nature of this dread disease in medical literature, we find that the theory of contagion was by no means universally accepted by medical authorities, and was disputed as early as 1812 by Dr. B. Colomar in his report on the yellow fever epidemic in 1811 in Spain, so that we can readily accept the demonstration of the commission of the non-contagiousness of yellow fever. There are, however, many peculiarities in the transmission of the disease remarked in medical literature which cannot as yet be fully explained by accepting the statement that the mosquito is the only carrier of the disease virus. It is true, we can explain why General Butler succeeded in stamping out yellow fever in New Orleans by establishing proper sewerage in the city, and thus make it healthy for the human inhabitants, but unhealthy for the Culex Fascinatus mosquito, and that the epidemics invariably cease to exist when the average temperature of the air falls below 70 degrees F., because the insect cannot live in such a cool atmosphere, and that other malarial diseases have been stamped out in certain localities by planting eucalyptus trees, which by their rapid growth and greed for moisture drain swampy places, or by the artificial draining of swamps, thereby making it impossible for certain species of mosquitoes which are the carriers of the fever to further exist in these localities, and many other apparently contradictory facts quoted by many observers. We cannot, however, as yet explain in what manner the virus is transported over great distances of land or sea, distances too great for the culex to traverse, and we must look for an explanation in the results of experiments to determine these questions: 1. What is the specific virus and what is its origin? for it is very plain, almost self-evident, that it is not a bacillus or coccus. 2. Do the eggs and larvae of the infected mosquito (for it is the female insect only which sucks the blood of animals) carry within them the specific poison in a latent form to become potent in the fully developed insect? 3. And, if so, what are the most favorable conditions of climate, temperature and surroundings for the development and life of the insects. 4. And, finally, what is the most practical and effective method of destroying the insects and its eggs and larvae?

When these questions have been answered, and they will be shortly, no doubt, we will be able to stamp out yellow fever and a number of other epidemic and endemic diseases and make the so-called "foci" of such diseases as yellow fever in Havana and the West Indies, and cholera in India, salubrious instead of disseminating depots of scourges for the whole world.

Eucalyptus as a Drain Pump.

Dr. John Gifford, the founder of the Forester, writes in the January number of that paper (Lit. Dig.) of the high value of the eucalyptus tree as a sanitary aid. Its chief efficacy, he thinks, is due to the fact that it promotes drainage, acting upon the soil like a powerful pump. Dr. Gifford closes with reference to the beneficial effects of the eucalyptus on the health of Jamaica, Australia and the Roman Campagna. In Australia, especially, the immunity of the country districts from malaria is attributed to its action.—Medical Times.

Electric Furnaces.

The electric furnace has become an important industrial appliance within the last few years, and has already been specialized into a considerable number of forms in order to better produce the various results required. Three types are prominent—those heated by the arc directly, those in which heat is developed by the electrical resistance of the materials to be acted upon, and those of the type used by Coules in aluminum reduction in which the furnaces are connected in multiple-like incandescent lamps.

Against Bell Telephone.

Judge Brown, of the United States Circuit court, has decided against the American Bell Telephone company in the Berliner patent case. The decision is in favor of the independent telephone companies. The Bell company in its complaint alleged infringement of patent.

This suit has been in the courts for a number of years, and in its various appeals to higher courts has caused the expenditure of much time and money, and it is particularly remarkable for the fact that it is the first important suit which has been decided against the Bell Telephone company.

Archaeological Survey of Michigan.

The Detroit branch of the Archaeological Institute of America, which now ranks next to those of New York for membership and activity, has appointed a committee of five members to take steps for the archaeological survey of Michigan. The committee has been instructed to work for the passage at the present session of the legislature of a bill appropriating $2,500 annually for investigating the antiquities of the state.

Definitions.

Language as spoken by man is the constant but arbitrary sequence of articulate sounds forming what are termed words, and expressing as such simple ideas; and the arbitrary but constant sequence of words termed sentences, expressing as such compound ideas. —C. S.

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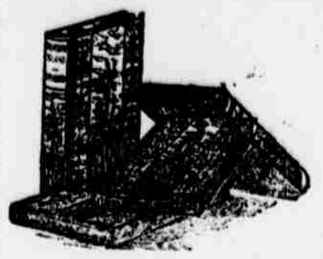

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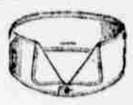

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