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HOOKWORM DISEASE KEEPS BACK PUPILS IN COUNTRY

The Rural Schools Are Now Taking Lead in the Movement to Destroy It and Other Handicaps to Good Health

Washington, Dec. 18.—That hookworm disease is responsible for lack of progress in many country schools; that it can be eradicated, and that the rural schools are now taking the lead in the movement to destroy this and other handicaps to good health, are some of the conclusions of a bulletin by Dr. John A. Ferrell on "Rural School and Hookworm Disease," just issued for free distribution by the United States Bureau of Education.

"Hookworm disease is one of the most prevalent, most insidiously harmful, and most completely preventable diseases known to man," declares Dr. Ferrell. "It causes human suffering and economic waste altogether out of proportion to its apparent death rate. Many ills that have been attributed to mental and moral weakness of whole bodies of people are now definitely known to be due to this infection, and curable with its cure. Its eradication is one of the most important and pressing problems before the people of the southern half of the United States and of other semitropical lands.

"In combating hookworm disease it has been found that the rural school is the greatest medium for the spread of the infection and the most important protective agency against it. In some schools investigated the infection has been found to be 100 per cent.—the teacher and every pupil a victim of the disease. Records of the International Health Commission show an average infection among rural children of school age for whole counties running as high as 70 to 90 per cent, while in some sections of Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, and other States, the disease is less widespread, with 10 per cent. or less of the school population infected with hookworms. The general average for all the children examined to date is 40 per cent. of infection.

"It is through the rural school, whence the infection comes, that the remedy must also come. The measures necessary for permanent control of hookworm disease are health supervision, health instruction and perfect sanitation. The rural school can aid in health supervision; it can supplement and drive home health instruction and above all it can teach good health and clean living by being itself a model of sanitation for the community. No matter how energetic a national or State campaign for eradication may be; no matter how many cases of hookworm disease are cured for the time being, unless the school and the community maintain a constant vigilance in behalf of positive measures for good health, permanent control of hookworm or any other disease transmitted by soil pollution will be impossible.

"Hookworm disease, like typhoid fever, is due to careless disposal of human excreta. Once schools and dwellings in country districts are provided with sanitary privies of one type or another, there will be little danger from hookworm.

"A study of the hookworm problem has shown not only the need for sanitary privies, but the need for more adequate sanitary supervision by competent medical officers. There should be in every community a capable superintendent of health, devoting his whole time to public health work.

"Frequent and systematic instruction by the public schools in the elements of personal and community hygiene is necessary for permanent control of disease. When the citizens of a community are taught from early childhood the necessity for the care of health, they will need no urging to provide expert health supervision and sanitary privies in every community.

"The campaign against hookworm disease is a campaign of education, and it is right that it should be waged in the public schools."

Business Man Is Dead
Chambersburg, Dec. 18.—Harry B. Miller, a well-known business man of town, died at his home on West Market street, yesterday afternoon, following a severe illness of several weeks. He is survived by his wife, Marion Mitten Miller, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller, of Waynesboro, and these brothers and sisters: Albert, Allen, J. R. Miller, Mrs. Charles E. H. Brown and F. E. Miller, of Chambersburg.

Burial will be made in Waynesboro.

Appointed Revenue Collector
Chambersburg, Dec. 18.—Fred C. Kirkendall, of Lancaster, collector of this revenue district, has appointed John F. Norton, deputy collector for the counties of Franklin, Cumberland and Fulton, and that he would be expected to assume his duties January 1, 1915. Notice of appointment was received here to-day. He will succeed J. C. Groome, of Carlisle, who has held the position for several terms. Mr. Groome will accompany Mr. Norton over the district and remain with him until Mr. Norton becomes thoroughly acquainted with the duties of his position. Mr. Norton will be required to furnish a bond in the sum of \$5,000.

Former County Official Dead
Waynesboro, Dec. 18.—Former Director of the Poor George D. Fritz, died at his home, west of town, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 65 years, 3 months and 22 days.

Death was due to cancer of the stomach from which he had suffered at times for several years but which only became critical during the last five weeks. For a while it seemed that he would recover but a few days ago he began to sink rapidly. He was unconscious for a dozen hours before his death.

Lift Quarantine in Two Weeks
Gettysburg, Dec. 18.—If no more new cases are found, the quarantine on Adams county for the hoof and mouth disease will be lifted within the next two weeks. This statement was made Wednesday afternoon by Dr. C. J. Marshall, State veterinarian, before the annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association of Adams county, now in session at Bendlersville.

Dr. Marshall stated that agents of the department were busy disinfecting buildings and premises generally where the aphthous fever had made its appearance and, it was believed, this work would be completed very soon.

SUED, DENIES HE'S MARRIED
Joseph P. Turner Made Defendant in Action by Wife

White Plains, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Lucille Ledgerwood Turner has started suit for divorce against Joseph Philip Turner, a wealthy mill owner, of Pennsylvania, in which she names the defendant's aunt by marriage.

Mr. Turner in his reply alleges he never married the plaintiff. She says the marriage took place in Chicago and that she will produce the record of the clergyman, the marriage certificate having been torn up.

Once before the plaintiff was granted a decree by default, but Mr. Turner had the case reopened and put in an answer denying the allegations.

NO CASH, BOY 'TOOK' TO GIVE
Lad of 12 Carried Off Teddy Bear as Christmas Present

New York, Dec. 18.—William Blake, 12, of 606 West Forty-fifth street, was arraigned in Children's court yesterday, charged with stealing a big Teddy bear from a premium store in West Forty-second street.

William told Judge Hoyt that he was out looking for Christmas presents and had to give the Teddy bear to his 3-year-old cousin. He had not enough money to buy it, so "just took it." His case will be investigated.

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When you buy a package of Samose, the great flesh-forming food, weigh yourself and see how much you gain in the first week's use. H. C. Kennedy will tell of many of his customers who a month or so ago were thin, pale and haggard, but who are now, through the use of Samose, plump, strong and happy, with perfect health and attractive flesh. He has seen so many instances of the wonderful power of Samose to restore the weak and sick to strength and health, and to make good natural flesh that he gives his personal guarantee with every package of Samose he sells to refund the money if it does not prove satisfactory.

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THREE MEN NEARLY FROZEN
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REPORT THAT KAISER WANTS TO GAIN ONE MORE VICTORY
London, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of the "Daily Mail" at Petrograd says that, while the German General Staff is using every possible means to relieve the pressure on Cracow, the Kaiser is still showing great anxiety to occupy Warsaw.

This anxiety to secure a purely political and spectacular advantage lends color to an interesting rumor in circulation here, to the effect that the Kaiser would be glad to seize an opportunity to propose a peace conference if he could first announce to the German people what would appear to them to be a striking success, and if he could use Belgium and western Poland in his bargaining for advantageous conditions of peace.

SURFACE TALKS TO FARMERS

Tells How to Exterminate Insect Pests That Destroy Crops

Chambersburg, Dec. 18.—Before a well attended meeting of the McCormick Estate Farmers' Club which met yesterday at the farm of Elmer E. Lower, on the Carlisle pike, near Hogestown, State Economic Zoologist H. A. Surface delivered an address in which he told in detail of the combination of insect life that destroys crops and keeps down the annual averages.

Dr. Surface spoke on a theme that has been discussed at several of the club meetings, and after enumerating the bugs that do the damage and telling of their habits, he gave simple remedies that could be resorted to in order to drive out the pests.

The club held morning and afternoon meetings with a turkey dinner as an interlude.

King Gustav Starts for Malmö
London, Dec. 18, 4:45 A. M.—King Gustav, of Sweden, accompanied by the foreign minister, started for Malmö last night, according to a Reuter dispatch from Stockholm. At Malmö he is to meet the kings of Norway and Denmark for a conference regarding the situation which had arisen because of the European war.

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At the Orpheum
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This is one of those classy, infectious and tuneful juvenile productions. The act carries special scenery representing the deck of an ocean liner and the pretty "girls" appear in several changes of fetching costumes to inject the tuneful musical scores. It will be remembered that Mr. McHugh was the producer of "The Lawn Party" seen at the Orpheum several weeks ago. Josephine Davis, who was at the Orpheum about four seasons ago, and who was such a big favorite then, appears here next week also. Since she was in Harrisburg, Miss Davis has encircled the globe and this season is her first in America since she was at the Orpheum. Adv.

REPAIRING ELECTRIC SYSTEM
High Tension Wires Are Being Temporarily Placed on Wooden Poles

Mauch Chunk, Dec. 18.—A large force of men is employed by the Lehigh Navigation Electric Company in erecting wooden poles between Haunto and the Harwood Electric Light Company's plant at Freeland, to take the place of the steel towers crushed during the recent snow and rain.

These poles will be replaced by strong steel towers next summer. The ones erected at first have been found entirely too weak to support the weight of the high tension wires strung to them when coated with a heavy layer of ice and snow.

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C. V. NEWS

PRACTICE SELF DENIAL, RAISE MORE THAN \$200
Wilson College Girls Depart for Home for Holiday Vacation After Striving to Aid the Suffering and Poor in Belgium

Chambersburg, Dec. 18.—The total amount, up to the present time, of money raised by Wilson College for the relief of war victims is \$288. Of this sum \$88 was expended in clothing and sent on the ship Jason. Two hundred dollars is being sent in the form of flour through the Belgium relief fund raised by the citizens of Chambersburg. Most of the money expended for flour has been raised by definite forms of self-denial.

The students left Wilson College on the "special" to-day for the Christmas vacation. College opens again January 5, 1915.

Residents of Chambersburg completed their campaign started a week ago to raise 500 barrels of flour to be shipped to Belgium in the next relief ship from Philadelphia. The 500 mark was reached and passed, 533 barrels in all having been given.

FIRE IMPERILS A HOTEL
Guests Have to Get Out When a Residence Nearby Is Destroyed—Some Escape in Night Clothes

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 18.—Fire early yesterday morning destroyed Dr. P. E. Stiger's \$9,000 residence in Hancock and damaged the \$40,000 four-story brick Monterey Hotel, owned by Mrs. Priscilla Bridges. Dr. Stiger and Frank Dodson, a chauffeur, escaped from Stiger's home in night clothes.

The hotel guests were awakened and all left the hotel safely. Nearly all the furniture was saved.

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