

THE PARALYSIS GERM IS FOUND

Scientists Now Trying to Isolate the Deadly Growth.

RESULTS OF NUMEROUS TESTS

Microscopic Examination of the Blood of Monkeys and Humans Reveals an Organism Not Found in the Blood of Healthy Persons or Animals—Dr. Dixon's Discovery.

Samuel Dixon, secretary of the Pennsylvania board of health, explains in detail what is believed to be the discovery of the micro-organism which causes infantile paralysis. Dr. Dixon does not definitely assert that he has found the germ, but he has found an organism in the blood of persons and animals which are afflicted with the disease and the organism does not appear in the blood of normal persons or animals and it is not described in any of the treatises of germs.

Infantile paralysis has been epidemic for two years. Scientists are working hard to isolate the germ which causes the disease and to work out a treatment to prevent or cure it. Thus far no cure has been discovered and the germ has not been entirely isolated. The discovery of Dr. Dixon is a great advance, and it may lead to the discovery of the cause and a treatment for the disease.

Found a New Organism.

Dr. Dixon says: "In examining the blood from acute cases of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) in human beings and also in monkeys, in which the disease was produced experimentally, an organism was found, different in morphologic character from any heretofore described, which may or may not on further investigation prove to be the etiological factor in the causation of the disease. Blood smears being fixed in methyl-alcohol for one minute and stained with carbol-thionin, the organism appears as a faintly stained blue rod, with regular cell wall about ten microns long and about eight-tenths of a micron in width, curved at an angle of sixty to seventy-five degrees at one end, occasionally at both ends. At times the curved end is bulbous. Some of the organisms appear to have a very finely granular protoplasm when the highest amplification is employed."

None Found in Healthy Blood.

Dr. Dixon describes the microscopes which gave the best results in the examination. Continuing, he says: "The bloods examined were from ten different cases of acute poliomyelitis in children and were taken during the epidemic of last summer and from thirteen cases of the disease in the acute stage which had been produced experimentally in as many monkeys. "Blood smears from three normal human beings were carefully examined, and, although the search for these organisms was diligently made, none was found. Smears were made from the blood of thirteen normal monkeys with negative results. After inoculation with the virus these same monkeys give positive results. "Smears from the cords and brains of paralyzed monkeys and from one human case were examined, but none of the organisms was found. Defibrinated blood three weeks to two months old from two paralyzed monkeys showed the forms in increased numbers. Cultures made from the blood of a paralyzed monkey in various forms, examined after being inoculated three weeks, showed the presence of the organism in increased numbers. Success in isolating the organisms has not attended our efforts as yet."

CROMWELL'S HEAD SHOWN.

Rev. Mr. Wilkinson Says It Has Been in His Family Three Generations.

The reputed head of Oliver Cromwell was exhibited at a recent meeting of the Royal Archeological society at Burlington House, London. The Rev. H. R. Wilkinson said that the head had been in his family for three generations and in that time had never been previously exhibited in public. The tradition was that the skull was blown off Westminster hall and was picked up by a sentry, who hid it and only confessed on his deathbed to his wife that he had it in his keeping. It passed into the possession of the Cambridge family of Russell and came to Sam Russell, a needy actor.

Then it was sold to Cox, the proprietor of the museum in Spring Gardens, and was transferred by him to three persons, who exhibited it in Bond street. Next it came into the hands of the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson's grandfather. Sir Henry Howorth said that the evidence seemed to make it extremely probable that the head shown was really that of the protector.

New Way of Making Paper.

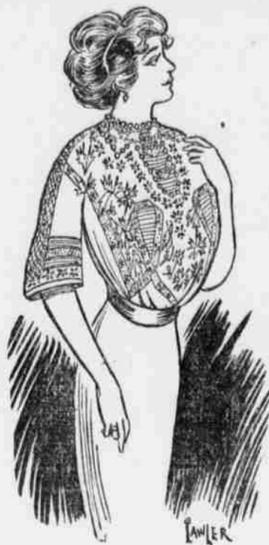
Another substance from which paper may be manufactured has been discovered by a manager of a sugar estate at Trinidad, according to Franklin D. Hale, American consul at that place. It is ground sugar cane, to which is added bamboo fiber. The combining of these two, the discoverer says, produces a substance of which the fiber is the right length to make a cheap and excellent paper.

IN THE REALM OF FASHION

Spring Blouses.

Bodices and blouses are appreciably influenced by the directoire styles, which call for slenderness. The kimono sleeve is lifted from the middle of the underarm line to the arm's eye. It no longer swings away from the upper arm, but clings to it until it reaches the elbow.

The chief feature in blouse fashions is the continued use of the matching of so called "costume bodices." The great use that is unquestionably to be made of the dress or costume during the summer season again puts emphasis on the waist, which in color



HAND EMBROIDERED BLOUSE.

and otherwise is in harmony with the skirt. Another costume feature which is embodied in separate blouse models is the use of the broad collars and fichus. These, appearing in first costumes, are now applied to separate waists.

The hand embroidered blouse illustrated here shows one form of the kimono sleeve.

MODISH NECKWEAR FOR SPRING GOWNS.

A Wide Range of Designs and Dainty Materials.

The lace butterfly bows are much liked by women to whom an elaborate neck fixing is not becoming, and a smart example in these, with a matching stock, will cost no more than \$1.

A cravat, necklace of satin piping or velvet ribbon, with a dangle of tassels or tinted satin rosebuds, is a new neck kink which is most convenient for smarting up a plain street waist. These little accessories of the neck-piece may match the color of the waist or be in black.

Inexpensive things that give a plain waist an air at small cost are certain round and sailor shaped collars of black satin, edged with a hem of colored chiffon and finished with smart jabots. Any oddity, in fact, in a neck finish is permissible, for only one thing is required—it must be becoming.

A novelty in collars for coats is to edge some heavy lace affair on the sailor order with a band of velvet or an edge of chiffon, and if the wrap is a fine evening garment there may be a little wreath of colored satin flowers going at the top of the trimming.

Some of the finer white stocks are frequently decked with modish little posies, a border of them topping the finish of the jabot and perhaps a little knot showing like a brooch at the center of the butterfly above the jabot.

Never have wash neck fixings been so elaborate as now. Baby Irish, combined with simple lawn or embroidered linen, sounds simple as mere words go, but take a look at the latest jabots in these materials. They are like fretted ornaments, bits of fine carving, so incrustated are they with their exquisite laces, so perfectly are they made.

The newest jabot of Irish and lawn or Irish and embroidered linen is a very long affair. It falls in one, two or three drops, square at the bottom, almost to the waist. At the front it is attached to a stock of the same by a tailored velvet bow or a handsome brooch of some sort. The more elaborate of these fine fixings range from \$15 up, and it is no uncommon thing to find one priced \$30. But, of course, there are pretty imitations in all the styles, and some of these are as low as 85 cents.

Hair Puffs No More.

Most of the small hats for summer do not require puffs and false hair to set them off. The spring maid has taken her hair and put it away for safe keeping and wears only her own growing on her head.

Since, however, she can't be quite consistent, she still clings to two hair-pins, from each one of which is secured a little bunch of curls. These she tucks in under her turban or the folds of the silk handkerchief in front of either ear.

Papa Takes Twelve-Year-Old Johnny to Circus!

Wayne county will be well represented in Scranton on Wednesday, May 3, on circus day. Indications are that the town will turn out by the thousands, attracted by the wonderful new circus which the Barnum and Bailey people are putting forth this season. The show has an entire new equipment, costing the management \$3,200,000. One-third of this was spent on the parade which is reported as the most elaborate street spectacle ever devised. It is three miles in length.

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