

Doctors Disagree.

The New York Medical Journal offered a prize for the best short essay on "The Treatment of Erysipelas of the Face." Dr. J. W. Monroe of Springfield, Ill.; Dr. John Douglas of New York city and Dr. George A. Graham of Kansas City competed. Their essays were printed in a recent number of the Medical Journal. They are interesting mainly in that they confirm the common belief that doctors disagree and that when they differ they differ radically.

Dr. Monroe, for instance, prefers the use of cold poultices, wet dressings of solutions of aluminum acetate, bicarbonate of mercury, ichthyol or carbolic acid on an antiseptic dressing, superimposed lead poultices. The applications of cold poultices he regards as the most important feature of the treatment.

Dr. Douglas says that he has found nothing that with certainty will stop the spread of the infection, but that with a tincture of iodine painted liberally in a broad band about the border of the lesion he has had the greatest success. He regards iodine as more effective than nitrate of silver. With iodine, recommended by many text books, he has achieved the poorest results. He recommends the use of dressings should be applied to the affected area, preferring ichthyol painted on practically pure. Apparently he places no importance on cold poultices, advising only the use of an iod bag to the head for restlessness or delirium.

Dr. Graham states positively that for many years past he has found that carbonate of lead in the form of ordinary white lead used by painters is a specific for the disease when applied thickly to the parts affected. He says he has used the popular and highly recommended, such as ichthyol, etc., with little or no benefit. He says further that after using, with little or no benefit, popular and highly recommended applications recourse to the white lead treatment has invariably effected a speedy cure, one application in most cases entirely checking the disease and no case ever requiring more than two applications. Painting with iodine, nitrate of silver and the like he declares to be obsolete and useless.

Thus do our doctors disagree. One secure cure must result to a method which another declares to be obsolete and useless. Another claims to have effected sure cures with a simple method of which the others have no knowledge or which they deliberately ignore.

Good health and the preservation of life are as essential to the community at large and the welfare of the nation as good crops, good money or interstate commerce. The government has already taken a hand in investigating the food and alcohol products placed before the people with reference to their purity and wholesomeness. It could consistently engage in experiments upon the treatment of disease, especially any which baffles the skill of medical practitioners.

The "Graft" Exposures.

Graft in public affairs is a new thing. It has affected about every country of the world and about every period of civilization. The current wholesale exposures are of an unusual character and are astounding, although much that has come to the surface has long been believed to exist. It is unwise and unjust to human nature to argue that old fashioned honesty is wanting among public men or in high places. In spite of past evidences of corruption society is startled over the developments of today and, moreover, it is difficult to see proof that there is virtue left to scorn dishonesty and success gained by crooked methods. So long as there is a healthy public contempt for wickedness the situation is encouraging rather than discouraging.

The Panama route from ocean to ocean has a competitor in the "new world's highway" across the isthmus of Tehuantepec. This route runs from Salina Cruz, on the Pacific, to Coahuila, on the Atlantic, a distance of 190 miles. A railway has been constructed at an expense of nearly \$40,000,000. The line is 1,200 miles north of Panama and 800 miles south of New Orleans.

The "poor, benighted heathen" of Korea knows a thing or two. The king has gone down into his own pockets for money to pay the expenses of two commissioners to the peace conference in the interest of Korea, which nation seems to consider itself between the upper and nether millstones.

It is something of a revelation in this country that the Americans in Chinese ports are asking this government to save them from the social ostracism of their Chinese neighbors.

Experts are still figuring on the population of China, and the estimates vary from about 200,000,000 to 400,000,000.

000. The missionaries lean toward the larger figure.

If Senator Tom Platt is really convinced that he might have done better, he can "save face" by telling other travelers over the same road how to avoid pitfalls.

Bible Institute.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago is a bible school that remains open all year around. Its addition to regular courses, the summer schools are enriched by special courses by well known bible teachers. President W. G. Moorhead, of Xenia, O., theological seminary, is a special lecturer during August. Among those who have already given courses are Prof. John E. Smeay of the Southern Baptist theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., Dr. John Robertson of Glasgow, and Dr. John Urquhart of Edinburgh. The summer enrollment of students is 130 men and 80 women, not including about 30 pastors and others who come for short periods of study and training. The call for trained workers is far beyond the Institute's capacity to supply them.

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JONES AND HIS TELEPHONE.

Strange Mishaps of Unfortunate Man -- Telephone Saves Him Much Trouble.

To please his wife, Samuel Jones contracted for a telephone. Here is his diary of events:

Monday -- Had terrible stomach pains. My wife telephoned and within four minutes the doctor was here. Tuesday -- My son George became lost. By telephone we located him at the police station. Saved me time and money to hunt for him. Wednesday -- Our neighbor's house caught fire and telephoned the fire department. Apparatus arrived in time to protect our home, and to save part of neighbors. Fire box is five blocks away.

Thursday -- Uncle George, worth \$500,000, visited me just before noon today. Nothing to eat in the house. Wife telephoned the grocer. It probably saved me a cool \$100,000 in his will.

Friday -- Two crazy men surrounded the house and tried to shoot me. Telephoned police and they took the fellows away. Saved all our lives.

Saturday -- Spent much of the day wondering why I have been such a fool to refuse to sit in a telephone when it costs only five cents per day, and saves ten times as much. I thought it a luxury, but its necessity. There are 130,000 people at my call over the Chicago Telephone Company's lines.

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Health Habits For Summer Days.

A physician writing for the London Mail on the subject of outings to improve health points out certain hygienic rules which are often overlooked by the average person when he goes into "all outdoors." He says there is danger for the novice in overdoing things, especially in the matter of strenuous exercise, such as walking and climbing hills. Undue strain upon the heart will neutralize the benefit derived from fresh air and sunshine. He says:

Your sleep and your appetite are the best means of judging whether you are doing well or ill. Holidays should be great sleeping times, and accordingly the most common cause of insomnia in our day is worry. The sort of all worth breathing is that which several other people have not "had a go at" already. It helps one to sleep and is usually passed tonic. I do not care whether the air be sea or mountain, so long as it is pure. There is no exercise better than swimming, and a bath does a nonswimmer almost as much good. A constant mistake is to stay in too long. The value of a cold bath is in inverse proportion to its length. Ten minutes should be maximum, especially if you do not swim.

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Falling Hair

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A Shakeup in Our Consular Service.

One of the matters which Secretary of State Root may be expected to take in hand when he has made himself familiar with the state department machinery is the consular service, which has long been in need of reform. Things happened when Mr. Root was secretary of war, and there is room for his aggressive and thoroughgoing methods in his new department. The late secretary was a model of patience and a paragon of formality in dealing with other departments of government and in managing his own, and it would be strange if there are not some dry bones naugly encased in cozy corners.

Our consular service is much better than it used to be and has been recently pronounced by English authorities as the very best in the world. But there is room for improvement in the system if not in the personnel. The system is always in touch with the world, and the only view foreigners can take is that it represents the United States' way of doing business. Administrations and policies come and go but the consular system stands fast. There is a consular reform bill now in the pigeonholes of congress. Mr. Root may unearth that or even draft one of his own. He will do something in the premises if his reforming hand has not lost its cunning.

Sheriff's Sale.

State of Illinois, ss. Lake County, ss.

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain writ of alias Execution issued out of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois, directed to the Sheriff of said Lake County, Illinois, dated the 10th day of June A. D. 1905, in favor of John C. Plagge and against Walter J. Bangs, I shall on Saturday, the 5th day of August A. D. 1905, at the east door of the Court House in the City of Waukegan, County of Lake and State of Illinois, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the said Walter J. Bangs, in the following described real estate, levied on by me by virtue of said writ as the property of the said Walter J. Bangs, to-wit:

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Dated at Waukegan, Illinois, this 11th day of July A. D. 1905.

GEORGE N. POWELL, Sheriff of Lake County, Illinois By ELVIN J. GRIFFIN, Deputy

The North-Western Line.

One of the most interesting series of articles on the subject of the great railways of the country that has appeared recently, is that from the pen of Frank H. Spearman, recently published in the Saturday Evening Post, and since printed in book form by Scribner's. The chapter descriptive of the Chicago & Northwestern Ry. has been published by the passenger department of that line in pamphlet form for general distribution, and will be sent to any address on receipt of 2 cents in postage.

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The high school of commerce is a move in the right direction if it only advertises the fact that commerce is not child's play. A certain number of business men are able to interest and train their sons to continue business at the old stand, but, as a rule, the parents for the vast army of commerce drift into business, expecting quick success and easy work. A stool and a

desk look attractive from the distant hayfield or corn lot. There is of course good business timber in the fields, but it needs a deal of trimming and paring in "the mill." And many a candidate finds that same mill "harder work than farming."

Japan has been fighting for the integrity of China, but she will take good care that the latter shall not have anything to say about the manner in which it is to be maintained. China is hardly worth consideration in the premises, but it does look queer, to say the least, for a champion to entirely disregard the desires of those whose cause he has espoused.

Dr. Journal of the Paris Academy of Medicine recently treated twenty-four tuberculosis patients with a sea water serum, which possesses the property of increasing the blood pressure. In all cases improvement was noticeable in the local as well as the general condition.

There are practically no illiterates in Norway. The men are probably the finest in the world physically. Army service is universal. Only 2.3 per cent of youths are rejected for physical defects.

Secretary Shaw discovered an unexpected stringency in the circulating medium the other day when a naughty hotel cashier refused to cash his check, and he hadn't even a nickel for car fare.

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