ITS STEADILY WESTWARD MARCH HAS BECOME ALARMING.

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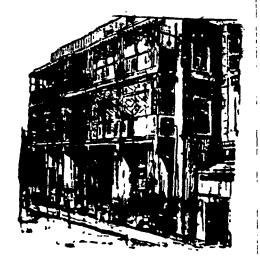
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Proper Sanitary Measures May Minimize the Dangers-In Calcutta and Bombay-French Procautions-Rats Help the

from Asia—the dieauty ourous plague sixteen terminated fatally. The Gov--has been approaching the shores of ernment decided to isolate the city by the United States. that the Grean is means of a sanitary cordon. Dr. no barrier to the march of the piague, Jorge, the Director of the Bateriolowas shown last week, when it was re- giral Institute at Oporto, has become ported in South America, having made the object of popular disapproval beits appearance in Assurcion, the cap- cause he had the courage to assert that ital of Paraguay. This is the same old the plague existed in the city when the "Black Plague" which aforetime has authorities wished to conceal its presswept over Europe from the East-ence. A mob gathered near his house probably the identical disease which in and was dispersed only by active efthe reign of Charles II. played such forts of the police, and he was assaulthavor in London. Bred in the Chinese ed by a member of the Chamber of quarter of Hong Kong, where the flith Deputies. The disease was brought to of ages crawls down the step-like Oporto from India on a ship loaded but he never did any work, usually had screets, the plague crept to Bombay, with rice. It is rep rted that several a novel and a bottle of brandy in his son," and from there has spread all over in- cases of plague have occurred at Paier- desk, and broke the heart of the junior dia. Arabia and Egypt, and numbered mo and at Naples, and it is believed to assistant secretary, in whose departits victims by the hundreds of thou- have broken out in the Government of ment he had been placed. He lived at thee, and, if I remember rightly, thou sands The disease made its way from Samara in Russia. Several cases of No. 19 Finsbury square, where he paid India on a pilgrim steamer, landed at suspected plague have occurred at thirty shillings a week for his board Jedda and penetrated to the tomb of Magude, a short distance from Louren. fell in love with Mary Tompkins, the ground. the Prophet at Mecca. The pilgrims to zo Marquez, Delagoa Bay. There is niece of Mrs. Johnson, the lodging



Where the Plague Started.

Mecca carried the plague to Constantinople It then appeared in Vienna, was suspected in Berlin and managed somehow to reach Oporto and Lisbon. To these latter place it came undoubtedly by ships from the Orient. Beveral times ships with cases of plague on board have arrived at English ports. but so far prompt isolation and thorough disinfection have prevented the disease from getting a foothold in Great Britain Once let the germs of this disease get into the slums of Liv-

Writers are beginning to call attention to this advancing menace. An English writer says: "I do not want to pose as an alarmest, but I should say College, London, says in the Lancet: that it would not be long before it made its appearance in the slums of Hull or Liverpool, and possibly in those of London also. The fact is there is no keeping it out. The germ has been cultivated in circumstances far too favorable to give us much chance of doing successful battle with it abroad."

Steady Westward March. Most people who have investigated the plague are hopeful that proper san-Itary precautions will minimize the danger of an epidemic either in this country or in England, but the way the disease has marched steadily westward for the last few years, in spite of all efforts to check it, is beginning to make people a little nervous. All efforts to abate the disease in India have proved abortive, so much so that the Queen in her last speech from the throne made special allusion to the failure of medical skill and sanitation to check the plague in her Indian Empire. This disease which threatens Europe and America gained immense vigor in the waterside district of Bcmbay, where the phenomenally umsanttary condition of the native quarter gave to it every possible chance for developing. There is no doubt that it was brought to Bombay from Hong Kong, but there is a disagreement as to how and when it came. Some say it was brought by a regiment of British troops, others say by sailors; suil others believe that rats, sick with the plague, came in ships from Hong Kong. and inoculated other rate along the Bombay waterside. However, it got there, there it is, and there is seems to be reaching out to poison the world. When the plague first appeared in Bombay the authorities shut their eyes to its presence, and a paper sent by a medical society to the City Council number of the 900,000 inhabitants of Bombay live in tenement houses where they are huddled together like sheep. These buildings are crowded together with narrow, dark alleys between, and into these alleys is thrown all sorts of refuse. In some parts of takes rather of the nature of a penthe city refuse of the most offensive demic than an epidemic, and possesses lar but well-known law of Ken, in easy to decipher, but when they were kind is carried through the streets in pails by scavengers and thrown into sewer openings. Strange to say, these viz., the quality of diffusiveness which sible for the debts of his widow and scavengers do not take the plague, and defies the precautions hitherto em- all her relations. This was a crushing seem to be immune from most other cantagious diseases.

as in Bombay, and the death rate in teenth and nineteenth centuries. some of the blocks of the native quart. ers averaged in 1898 as high as 63 a thousand for adults, and the infant

In Calcutta.

plague was merching westward about two years ago, a samilary convention of representatives of the civilized nations was held at Venice, and rules and regulations formulated to the keeping of the scourge out of Europe, if possi-

In spite of all precautions, however the plague, apparently is spreading in various directions. Europe is threatened from several sides. At Oporto forty-nine cases occurred between For five years steadily a real danger | June 4 and August 21, of which number little danger of the disease being house keeper. an infected port to dock in New York, even if there were noca ses of the disease among either passengers or crew at the time of arrival.

French Precautions. The Public Health Committee of France, in view of the increasing be- Thomas. lief that rate carry the plague from port to port, has drawn up stringent regulations, which have been put into effect at all French ports. In the lazarets all openings are to be closed Mr. Dribble had been a Low Church or tenced carefully with suitable pro- chap. He had kissed her, and had left ful of kisses." tections, such as metallic screens. The the parish, having sneaked himself inlazarets are to be provided with a suf- to the good graces of a Bishop. Mary ficient supply of wire gauze and funnel. soon knew the nature of the man, but shaped guards for the moorings and ropes of vessels lying at the wharf. On board the vessels poison and traps with his arm around her waist when will be laid down to destroy the rats his office hours were over. and mice, and their carcasses will be burned immediately. For their de- in confidence. struction in inaccessible places recourse will be had to sulphurous acid Mary. in the proportion of forty grammes to each cubic meter of air.

the plague is causing some uneasiness the following note: to medical men, and all nations are "Only that he pleads a previous their borders. In Egypt the disease seems to have gained a firm foothold, son professor of hygiene in King's of alarmed at the outbreak in Bompay, hand she held the crimpled letter. the Venice conference was called to formulate rules and regulations for commerce and pilgrim traffic, having for their object the prevention of the importation of plague more particularly into Egypt and Europe, as well as into other countries east of the Suez Canal The rules and regulations here?" have now been in force two years, and in that time, not with standing a most rigid adherence on the part of all concerned to the recommendations of the convention, plague has reached the Persian Gulf. Penang, the Mauritius, erly daughter of the late Marl of Piethe French island of Reunion, Mada- ponder, Mary shut herself up for three



Health Laws.

gascar, Jedda, Egypt, and, if rumor is correct, the Gold Coast of the French at her feet, and grovelled in the dust, possessions in West Africa, and now Portugal and this extension has happened though the rules were formulated according to the most advanced knowledge on the subject and by the was not allowed to be read. A large most eminent representatives of the

The reappearance of plague in Egypt, But as she did so she said continually, after an absence of fifty years, with its extension to Portugal, is a matter of profound interest, because it indicates that this plague from China parthat which other plague epidemics for which country the marriage had been nearly the past 200 years have lacked, celebrated, Mr. Dribble became responployed against its progress. This is a blow, and just at this time the Bishop. feature which contrasts strongly with dismissed him as being lacking in spirthe spontaneous self-limitation of most thought himself of the sweet sages of In Calcutta things are as insanitary of the plague epidemics of the eigh-

In American Cities. In American cities it would be posmortality reached the enormous per- sible to carry out systems of sanitation centage of 677 for every 1,000 births, which are not possible in India, and In such a city as this the plague finds a medical authorities do not fear that face, as she stook for half an hour gencongenial place for its vigorous growth. the plague will get any hold here, even thy shaking her head and gazing into It would seem that the European and if it arrives. Yet the steady march his eyes. Then she said with that American are not as liable to take the from Hong Kong westward, in defiance sweet voice of here; which was the life

Faint and far-off, hear the murmur Of an angel's flutt'ring wings: Faint and far-off, hear the charmer As her siren song she sings. She is coming,

Hear the humming Of the faintly fluttering wings

Pink and white, the eager mountain Tops, expectsent, stand and wait; Silver sands at Neptune's fountain Tremble lest she should be late. Eager mountain, Trembling fountain,

Expectant of her coming, wait,

Budding roses hold their blooming Till her coming, and they furl The fragrant flags of their perfuming Till she starts the season's whirl Hear the humming Of the coming

Of the same old summer girl. -W. J. Lampton in Life.

NEVER! NEVER!

John Thomas was a clerk in the postoffice, beloved by all who knew him;

brought to New York from Oporto by If ever there was an angel upon earth immigrants or in cargo, but if it is true it was Mary Tompkins. She had long that rats are active in the spread of eyes and a short nose, a little mouth the disease, there would probably be and a big chin, silken half and a satin some danger in allowing a vessel from complexion, a high forehead and a than all her appearance, and she was everything her aunt could wish her. "Never, Johnnie," she said to her lover, as he sat with his arm around her

waist, "never, never, never!" "Why won't you, then?" said John

"Why wouldn't she? It was now be kissed, or, may perhaps have been the neck and lug you into church." the case, had been kissed without her consent, by the Rev. Abraham Dribble. the kiss was still there, and was hallowed. "Never, never!" It was her daily language as Johnnie Thomas sat

"Surely you love him." said her aunt, "Shall there be two lovers?" asked

"Certainly," selfd Mrs. Johnson, prac-

tically, "M the first fails, or may be three as circumstances may require." In all countries this persistency of On Monday, April 1, Mary received

be my bridegroom. I have his heart, I know. And, oh, it is too true that he has mine. Be noble and make him and in this connection Dr. W. J. Simp- free, and enjoy the undying friendship ing, and then she made her reply: Anastasia Fitzapplejohn." Mary sat as usual with her waist on-

"The European governments being circled by his arm, while with her left "John," she said, "who has your heart?'

'Who but you, my pet?" "Anastasia has your heart."

"She be hanged." "Where were you last night, John!" "Listen to me, Mary." "I demand to know whether you were

'Wait until I tell you about it." "I will hear nothing of such a one as Miss Fitzapplejobn."

When Mr. Dribble married the Right offlorescence of his youth. So now he Hon. Catharine Mount Energy, the eldweeks in her aunt's store closet. She was visited, of course, from time to time by different members of the es-

tablishment, and would declare that she was perfectly happy; but on such occasion her last words always bore the same burden, "Never, never, nev-One day while she was there John Thomas came home, a little, perhaps, the worse for what he had taken, and

made his way in among the pickle jars and fam pots. "Mary," he said, "the parshon's married-might ash well come round, old

girl, ansh marry me." "John," she said. very gravely, "Anz astasia Fitzapplejohn, no doubt, is fond of these jovial humors. Had you not

better seek her society?" He answered with an oath, and expressed the wish that Miss Fitzapple-

iohn might be taken at once to a place he should not have named.

"To-morrow you will wish the same a crosier.

for me," she said. That sobered him. He fell prostrated swore with many oaths that if she would only consent to be Mrs. Thomas he would take the pledge on the next morning. She bent down over him end gave him her cool, soft hand to raise him, and with her taper fingers pushed the dishevelled hair from off his self with unaccustomed diligence to her forehead, and she brushed his clothes.

"Never, never!" When the Right Hon. Catharine Mount Energy died, which she did the week after she married Mr. Dribble, it was discovered that her affairs were very much out of order. By the singuhis earlier years, and, remembering that Mrs. Johnson had saved a little money, saw at once where lay his only chance of salvation here on earth. So

abashed. "Do you love me, Mary?" he said. The tell-tale blood rushed to her

he went to Finebury Square, nothing

"I have forgiven."

"Then you will consent to become Mrs. Dribble?" Again she stood gasing into his eyes for half an hour; but when she made

her answer it was still the same:

"Never!" About this time there came to town an old gentleman from the country, who had known Mary's father, and he brought with him his daughter Jemima. Jemima Robinson and Mary were fast friends, though narrow circumstances compelled the latter to administer to the wants of her aunt's inmatea. Now, it was thought that the presence of the old Squire and his daughter might induce the heart-laden girl to take counsel with prudence, and to give herself either to the one suitor or to the other.

"My dear," said the Squire, "you must think of the future."

"And of the past," said Mary. "Let the past take care of itself, my dear. A house over your head and half a dozen children are a great blessing. Johnnie Thomas is a sprightly fellow. Thou hast half a mind to take him, I know, Mary." "But not more than half, Mr. Robin-

"Hang it, girl! Then have the parson. He had ever a sheep's eye for

"'Twas but half sweet," she whispered, with her eyes turned to the "But thou knowest how the donkey

fared who was starved to death between two bundles of hay. Thou wouldst not imitate the ass?" "The poor brute was at any rute

honest," said Mary. "Thou robbest me almost of my patience," said the Squire, angrily. "Thou canst not have both. Take one and leave the other."

Jemima Robinson was a sprightly girl, and if any one had dominion over Mary Tompkins it was she. "Molly!" she said, "how many men do you think are going to die for you? If I were two years since she had consented to Johnnie Thomas I would take you by "It would avail you nothing," said

Mary. "I'd stop that 'never' with a mouth

"That has availed nothing, Jemima." 'What are you afraid of?" she said. "Is not marriage honorable?"

"And so is single blessedness." "Single fiddlesticks! I would it were my chance."

'And have you no lovers, Jemima?' "Not a ghost of a swain! not a thread-paper of a man. Would that I had. Thank God, I could love any man that would ask me. But to remain single with two such strings to your bow. Tis a sheer waste of the gifts of Prov-

"I love to lead apes," said aMry.

make him Bishop next week. And will look the Bishop's wife to a T." Mary paused that day; she paused all that night; she paused the next morn-'Never!"

On the hext morning John Thomas was gasetted Postmaster-General. He had invented a new farthing postere stamp, and it was delt that his-claims could not be passed over. He expelled the novel and the bottle of brancy from his desk, and found that the exigencies of his new position required him to leave Finsbury Square. But though he was now Lord Thomas, he; did not forget Mary Tompkins, for whether he was "My lord," or simply "John Thomas." he carried a loyal heart in his bosom, and though he may have dallied with Anastasia Fitzapplejohn, such dallying had been but the

with a gravity becoming his lofty rank. "Miss Tompkins." he said. "My lord." she replied, standing before him with downcast eyes. "Miss Tompkins, there have been some sweet words between you and

spoke out to the woman of his heart,

"Ah, and more than words." "Some passages of what the world

calls-love." "Trifles; meaning nothing to one so high in the world's esteem as your lordship." Then were her eyes more downcast than ever.

"Miss Tompkins," he said, "lend me that hand." And she lent him her little hand. He, too, stood a while gazing, and then he spoke again: "Shall it be mine forever?"

But she answered him straightway, "Never!"

The Bishop of Rochester sat in his palace and over against him sat Mrs. Dribble, his second wife. No more powerful woman ever assisted to carry

Lord Thomas quaffed his ruby wines in a West End mansion, and Lady Thomas, the daughter of a Marquis,

counted the corks. But Mary Tompkins still made the gravies and eked out the butter in

Finsbury Square, But her aunt observed that during all her leisure hours she applied herneedle. At last she brought forth from her closet a coarse and somewhat thick chamber gown or morning wrapper. Its color was gray, and 'twas made of serge; but up and down the collar and around the waist, and in and out of the plaits a curious device had been worked. The letters were not read they ran as follows:

"OLD MAID." "And will you wear it?" asked her

astonished aunt. "Indeed I will," said Mary. "For ever and ever."

And she were it-till another young man came that way.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Albinos are a curious freak of nature

London's White Frog-

that occur not only among the human race, but also among several species of animals. Museums have shown pure white horses, dogs, stags, deers, hares, we strain it fee efcharge, ravens, crows and sparrows, but an we will retind your moneys! white horses, dogs, stags, deers, hares, amphibian afbino is a great rarity, and all London is now flooking to the Mu- OUR RELIABILITY'S ESTABLISHED plague as Asiatics or negroes, but still of all precautions and all safeguards of all her lovers:

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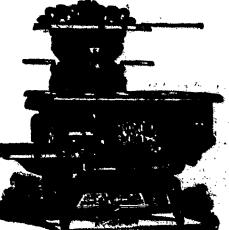
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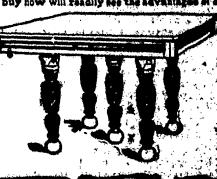
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