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Bacteria.

It may not be strict journalism to use the leading articles of a newspaper for the purpose of giving useful information, but encouraged by the many words of appreciation we have received of recent articles dealing with public health, we propose from time to time, especially as the Daily News finds its way into most of the homes of Jamaica to write on subjects of this nature.

In this article, we shall briefly treat of bacteria or microbes, extremely minute plants which need magnifying a thousand times their real dimensions before becoming visible to the naked eye. They live in the air we breathe, in the water we drink and in the soil we tread upon and exert an enormous influence both for good and evil upon the welfare of the whole human race.

A bacterium is a microscopic organism, that is, it has the power of splitting up into parts, each part forming in turn a complete whole. Some bacteria become full-grown in half an hour or less, hence reproduction takes place with enormous rapidity. As a matter of fact, one individual can give rise to about seventeen millions in twenty-four hours. When the supply of food runs short or the surroundings become in other respects unfavourable, many bacteria form bodies called spores which are very difficult to kill. In this stage they remain, until the hard times are over, and then, with a simple vigour, resume their ordinary life. Bacteria are far more effective scavengers than John Crows. The services they perform in decomposing and thus clearing away accumulations of rubbish can scarcely be over-estimated. Pasteur and Tyndall clearly proved about the middle of the nineteenth century that the putrefaction of organic matter was really due to minute and air-borne forms.

Such micro-organisms as yeast, the vinegar organism and lactic acid bacterium are harmless; but others set up changes in food which result in the production of deadly persons called ptomaines. These compounds are found from time to time in meat, fish, cheese, ice-cream, etc. There are, too, other bacteria which cause infectious diseases and by gaining access to the bodies of healthy persons, may be the means of spreading the diseases.

Injurious bacteria are most commonly distributed in water, milk, and other articles of food and too much care cannot be taken to avoid such food which is liable to such contamination. The most satisfactory means of destroying bacteria in food and water is to heat these latter to the temperature of boiling water. Suspected water ought always to be boiled before being drunk. The "flat" taste produced by boiling may be removed by afterwards pouring the water backward and forwards from one vessel to another, so as mix it thoroughly with air. Milk has so often been proved to have conveyed disease, so that it is always safest to boil it before using it as food.

Properly prepared tinned foods are sterile and so their contents will remain free from decomposition for any length of time. Small tins are more likely than large ones to have been thoroughly heated through, and on that ac-

count are to be preferred. This is which have bulged out should be rejected, as this indicates decomposition and the formation of gas in the contents. When a tin is opened, the contents should be at once removed to a glass, porcelain or earthenware vessel. Tinned fish should be eaten at once.

Disease and dirt are closely connected. Bacteria cannot be more effectually exterminated than by scrupulous attention to the cleanliness of the person and the surroundings. Cooking utensils, especially should be carefully cleaned as soon as they have been used.

Light, too, has an injurious effect on bacteria and as much as possible ought to be admitted to all rooms of a house.

The transmission of disease may be largely avoided by taking care that all clothing, utensils, etc., which have been used in the sick room are thoroughly disinfected. Boil the clothes, disinfect the utensils, and fumigate the rooms.

Current News

One of the banana men that work on the dock was roughly handled by the watchman that guards L. Weyer Monge Reyes' premises at nights. The man who resides on the neighbouring premises laboured until two am. When the man reached his room and about to open his door, the watchman stepped up and without giving him chance of defending himself, relative to his being out late, arrested him and marched him off to the court and locked him up for the balance of the morning. He was taken before the court and discharged.

The s. s. "Heredia" was despatched on Friday night last by the United Fruit Company with the following passengers for New Orleans: Ignacio Jurado, Mrs. C. N. Vroom, Miss Edith Bardette, Mrs. E. J. Hitchcock, G. Peyrefitte, John J. Oudshoff, Geo. E. Archibald, B. F. Selman, Ramon Madrigal, Ramou Madrigal Jr., Miss Frances Hitchcock; for Barrios: E. L. Richard, David Balandi and 7 deckers.

Larceny of Fowls.

We mentioned in our columns some time ago the systematic theft of fowls from Mr. O. P. Nunes' yard. Yesterday morning Mrs. Nunes, Mr. Fred Rothary, Mr. Miller and 16 others appeared at the Police Court to lay a charge against Mrs. Warren and her son for the larceny of the fowls, they it is alleged having been found in their possession.

Mr. Rothary after losing these fowls visited Mrs. Warren's yard where he identified two of his fowls. Mrs. Nunes who also purchased a hen some time ago found it in Mrs. Warren's yard. The other articles identified fowls among others in the yard as their own. It is alleged that about 59 fowls were seen in a coop the previous day. The hearing of the case being partly gone through the judge ordered them to return at 2 p.m.

Chinese Head Tax.

Outawa.—The revenue from Chinese head taxes this year will likely aggregate two million dollars, owing to the strict enforcement of regulations. Last year's total was annual \$2,000,000.

The Man About Town.

WHAT THE LIMON FOLKS ARE SAYING.

That the people of this town are asked to be aware of the young man named See, Geo. Far alias Kunsul.

That it would be well for him if he would mind his own business and not meddle with other people's.

That the Mandador who got a sound thrashing some time ago by a 'Maka Vinu' man is advising the Government to impose a tax on the man that burns coals.

That this is enough to make all the men that burn coal combine and give him a good castigation.

That a certain gentleman was seen recently carrying in his buggy a stuffed lion covered by a Union Jack.

That this caused a great deal of amusement and questioning, as many wanted to know if the British Consulate was removed from San Jose.

That Emma is being sought by a score of people, the report being that she is to be matched with the German named Napoleon.

That if you trouble Uncle David no trouble him little, or him will bun you tumbach an you pocket.

That it is not safe to say good morning to a friend unless in the presence of a witness.

That if a ten colonies bill can buy a policeman, it takes only a bottle of bread pills to buy an ex-Detective.

That it is a pity we have not a "Mass Sammy" on the bench to give rogues their due.

That the town is infested with loafers, gamblers, rogues and vagabonds from the neighbouring republics.

That the sooner the law against "Vagas" be put in force the better for the law abiding citizens.

That an ex-policeman makes the best false witness.

That it is best to let sleeping dogs lie.

That tale-bearers, scandal mongers, and liars are being handled with gloves.

That bribery and corruption are bound to be exposed in the end.

That the closing of the ports of Beas, Colon and Nicaragua, only leave Guatemala open for refugees.

That the man who left here on Saturday was last seen beating a seven miles stretch of sand towards Nicaragua with his instruments and case under his arm.

Those who have glass windows should never throw stones.

That fools make feasts for wise men to enjoy.

That some persons over estimate their importance and very often expose themselves in a crowd.

That King 2 was seen rushing for the ticket office a few minutes before the departure of the passenger train.

That he rushed up to the conductor and asked him to keep back the train for him. Brave Roy!

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That persons doing business between Limon and San Jose are cautioned to look out for a man that sports two gold teeth and answers to the name of E. J.

That this young man is properly dubbed with the tar brush and advertises himself as agent for parties in Limon.

That this gent is a vendor for fresh fish in San Jose's market and reap a good harvest thereby, but not fairly.

WANTED.—Bright boy at W. ana's photo gallery.

Left Church to Wed.

Havana.—R. V. Valente Paza, a former Spanish pres who left to wed the girl of his choice, is now in Cuba in the role of evangelist. He is at present in Santiago de los Baños where he is addressing the Methodist church congregations in a series of revivals. He is to visit Linar del Rio and is to app. ar before the Havana Methodists at St. Industria street.

He arrived from Mexico City accompanied by his wife who is with him in the interior. A series of meetings is being arranged for him in Havana. He is said to be a forcible speaker.

Jack Johnson's Skull.

San Francisco.—Champion Jack Johnson visited the German Hospital to see his younger brother, Charlie, who is being treated for (treated) blindness. While experts were taking X-ray pictures of Charlie they suggested that the champion sit down and have an X-ray made of his head to discover the thickness of his skull.

Johnson accepted a and the result showed that it required five and a half minutes for the rays to penetrate, thus proving that the champion has a skull ranging from one-half to three quarters of an inch, which is more massive than the skull of a Pecos steer.

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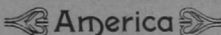
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