

Today is tuberculosis Sunday - so called because an effort has been made to enlist the whole United States in a fight against a preventable disease. This should be a day of thanks-giving because another slander against God has been disproved. Twenty-eight years ago Dr. Koch discovered the T.B. and the good news spread through the world that consumption which had always been considered a visitation from God was due to a parasite whose natural field of operation was the animal body. Not a visitation from God but a tiny little motionless parasite which looks like a diminutive caraway seed and which has to be magnified at least three hundred times and painted red before it can be seen even with the microscope. When it was thought a visitation from God its bigness made it impossible and now its very smallness makes it difficult. Most of us have so little faith in the things which are not visible to the senses. We are limited by our personal comprehension. The strongest argument for school inspection.

Modes of transmission. Ourselves, kissing, dust and insects. Milk cause bovine tuberculosis. Overcrowding, poor ventilation in schools, tenements etc. The families of many of the dispensary patients found to have the disease in the early stages - thus the thing becomes continuous. Better living and better food and less work. Library books. Auctions. Ordinance etc. Sweeping in cars etc.

Consumption used to be a very fashionable disease. Authors and actors have studied the symptoms and reproduced them with the greatest care for detail. The great Clara Morris used to die of consumption every night in the presence of a sympathetic audience, and Mimi in the beautiful opera La Boheme, and while we are entranced by the music we wonder why she doesn't take the open air cure. Consumption was such a convenient way of getting rid of useless women who had finished their romances. ^{And they still keep on dying,} ~~And they would~~ develop an interesting cough and a beautiful hectic flush. And for the happiness of the other people involved it was mighty important to get rid of such women as Camille and Mimi. It would have proved very embarrassing if they had gotten well. Consumption will be a great loss to authors and actors, however they will be able to get along. George Eliot set a worthy precedent when she took her healthy, wholesome heroine out and drowned her

~~That was a fitting finish~~ That was at least a clean healthy finish ~~to the~~ becoming a fine, wholesome woman, such as Maggie Tulliver was; but it would have been a good deal better for her to have gotten well because she could have done good work in the world.

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~~Dr. Woods Hutchinson's cure is very~~ For the ~~eradication~~ of consumption Dr. Woods Hutchinson recommends, fresh air, ~~shorter hours~~ better food, shorter hours and higher wages. And therein he is right. The poor die young and the rich whose hearts are dry as summer dust burn to the sockets. That is a fact. The mortality among the poor is very much greater than among the rich for the reason that the poor lack those favorable surroundings, care in childhood, good food, and rest which is enjoyed by those able to afford it.

A great deal has been done of late in the State of Oregon and in the City of Portland for the care and prevention of Consumption. The work was started here by Dr. Woods Hutchinson and carried on with the help of such philanthropic men as Mr Mills of the First Nat. Bank and several different organizations of women, such as the Visiting Nurses Association, The Fruit and Flower mission, the Consumers League, The Council of Jewish Women, The Women's Club and any and every organization which makes for better social conditions. The Young Women's Christian Association has helped by erecting this delightful airy building and improving its menu. I cannot imagine anything more conducive to good health in young women than good food, well prepared ~~and within their~~ at a price which they can afford to pay.

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