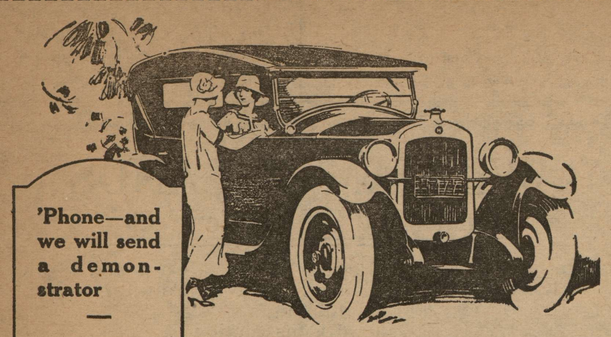

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FOLKS IN DAYS GONE BY DIDN'T SEND FOR DOCTORS AS THEY DO NOW.

Vaccinations Were Accomplished By Borrowing Scabs From Some Other Fellow's Arm, Whose Vaccination "Took."

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dition its feet would be bathed in hot mustard water and its throat and chest thoroughly rubbed with hot goose grease and take inwardly plenty of hogs lard and sugar, and the cold would usually be very much better in the morning.

Grown persons for the same complaint would receive practically the same treatment, except in the case of a cold hot whiskey with plenty of lemon and sugar would be given at bed time to produce a sweat.

In the spring of the year every member of the family would take a strong cathartic, usually Wright's pills, followed up for a week or more with daily potions of either sulphur and molasses or sassaffras tea to purify the blood.

It was rare in a case of illness that a physician was summoned until these home remedies were first tried out.

And then when the old doctor was sent for, it was because he was actually needed. Today we simply go to the phone, call up the doctor's office and he rsponds to the call by coming in a high powered car over hard smooth roads, in a jiffy.

It was difficult in the period of which I write. To send for the doctor then meant that someone got on a horse and went to look for him; making inquiry everywhere, at the stores and blacksmith shops and from persons along the road, and then when the messenger got to his office it was quite possible that he had gone miles away and the sarch had to be continued until he was found, and when he did reach the home what a comfort it was to have him. I can see him now as he tied his horse and removed the saddle bags from his saddle and entered the house. No one, not even the preacher, was quite as welcome as the old family physician in the home when sickenss came. He would enter the sick room with a bright face, no matter how tired he was, and always had a word of comfort and cheer for the sick one. After obtaining a history of the case and examining the tongue and feeling the pulse, he would retire to another room, open his saddle bags and take out his medicine case containing bottles neatly and plainly labeled, of every color of the rainbow. It was a very attractive collection of bottles to the children, and often the doctor would have a bottle containing sugar pellets which he gave to the youngsters.

The next step was the preparation of the medicine for the patient, and the lady of the house knew exactly what to bring him; a glass of water and a spoon and a dinner plate; medicine of a liquid nature was easily compounder, but the making of pills was more difficult; the blue mass or whatever drug was used, had to be thoruoghly mixed and cut into pieces of the proper dose size and then rolled into pills. Then if the patient was resting comfortably he would leave explicit instructions and go to the next patient—but never, mind yoou, until both he and his horse had been fed. But if the patient needed further care he would stay and give the necessary attention. His great concern was his patient.

It seems to me as I look back and bring before me those old country doctors, whose lives were devoted to the good of humanity, that remuneration for their services was about the last thing they thought about. They were anything but mercenary, and when they died they were sincerely mourned.

Specialists were very scarce in those days and they were seldom called on by the country people. The old doctor was good enough for every emergency, and if another physician was called in consultation it was because the attending physician was not satisfied with his diagnosis and the request always came from him.

He looked afater every kind of disease that nature is heir to—the smallpox, diphtheria, scarletf ever, he looked after fearlessly and at the same time took abundant caution to provide against carrying the contagion to other houses.

In his obstetrical cases he was prepared for any emergency, and could if necessary bathe and dress the new born infant and give them care until assistance arrived.

In case of fractures there was no sending for ambulances to take the patient to a hospital. The old doctor went to the wood shed, made his splint and reduced the fracture and went about his business.

For a case of toothache there was but one remedy, and the old doctor always carried that in his saddle bags with the medicine case—a pair of fauceps. He did not use novokane as the dentists do today, and it may be they were not as expert as the expensive dentists are today, but when he got through with it the toothache was gone, and incidently his charge was fifty cents, where the painless dentist today collects $5.00.

This is the day of specialists—the brain, the throat aand nose, the skin, the lungs, the kidneys, the heart, the stomach, the eye, the ear, &c., all have specialists. The old country doctor made a specialty of the entire human body. He was physician, surgeon, druggist and dentist. He knew the constitution of each member of the family he attended. If the truth is told I wonder if his percentage of recoveries were not as great in his day as they are today with modern physicians, specialists and modern methods. One thing is very certain, it costs a lot more today whether you die or get well.

It does very little good to talk about the old doctors or their methods. The specialist and the up-to-date methods of surgery and the practice of medicine and the trained nurse and expensive hospitals are here to stay, and when they get you they give you no greater guarantee of recovery than the old country doctor with his crude and antiquated methods.

ESSEX MAN BURNED.

Raymond Bennick Seriously Injured Trying To Rescue Family.

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his household effects. With his wife and children he was sleeping on the second floor of the house, a two-story frame building, when he was awakened by smoke. He aroused his wife and his children. The first floor of the building was a mass of flames.

Mrs. Benneck, after wrapping a blanket about her, was able to make her way through the flames to the lawn in safety. Bennick wrapped each of the children in blankets and was compelled to make four trips through the flames to get them to safety.

Mrs. Bennick said her husband had carried the fourth child to safety and that she pleaded with him not to again enter the house, when he said he was going to attempt to get some of the furniture out. She said he had received serious burns in carrying the children to the lawn. Bennick's clothing became a mass of flames after he had carried several pieces out, and he fell unconscious on the lawn. Neighbors wrapped him in blankets and smothered the flames. He was then taken to the hospital in an automobile by one of his neighbors.

The members of the Essex Fire Department were seriously delayed in getting to the fire, because, according to Capt. Daniel Stevens, they had to make a seven-mile detour because of bad roads that led directly to the Bennick home.

DOG ATTACKS CHILDREN.

Mother Fights Of Maddened Animal—Pasteur Treatment Given.

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the attack the animal had been tied up in the yard of the home.

Stanley attempted to move the dog, while Norman looked on. The animal broke loose from the rope with which he was tied and sprang upon the two-year-old child, knocking him to the ground. After sinking its teeth between the child's eyes, the dog bit him severely on the nose and lips.

Stanley rushed to the assistance of his younger brother and attempted to pick the child from the ground. Its attention diverted from the baby the dog sprang upon Stanley, biting him in the hand.

Hearing the screams of her children, Mrs. Day ran from the house and beat the animal off. The children were kept in the house until Mr. Day returned home and the dog was shot.

It was early last week that Mr. and Mrs. Day first noticed that was anything wrong with the dog. He refused to eat or drink anything. When the animal attacked their son Bortner last Tuesday they tied the dog up until they could determine what was wrong with him.

All of the children were given the pasteur treatment by Dr. C. W. G. Rohrer of the State Department of Health. From the appearance of the wounds, Dr. Rohrer said, he fears the animal was suffering from rabies.

PRESIDENTIAL OUTLOOK IMPROVING AS ELECTION APPROACHES — REPUBLICANS SHOW ANXIETY.

With Decision At Polls Just Six Weeks Off, Democrats Are Gaining Ground Steadily—Result Will Show Whether People Stand For Honesty Or Not.

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ever addressed an audience of 2000, every one of whom paid 50 cents to get in the hall to hear him. We have reference to his Pittsburgh speech.

Senator Wheeler also pays his respects to the Democratic candidates, but the worst he has been able to say is that the Democrats are attempting to wrest the prestige of the Republican party from Wall Street and the great interests and intrench themselves there.

No one knows better than Senator Wheeler that the power of Wall Street was broken when that giant of Democracy, the lamented Woodrow Wilson, had passed the Democratic currency bill and the establishment of the regional banks, and no one knows better than he that the great interests made fat and all powerful by the tariff policy of the Republican party, never did and never will support the Democratic party.

In the meantime President Coolidge stands pat. He apparently sees nothing, hears nothing and certainly says nothing. Questions have been fired at him by Davis, LaFollette and Wheeler—not irrelevant, abstract questions, but real pertinent political questions that millions of people want answered at first hand, but he has ignored them all.

He has been asked time and again what his attitude was on the Ku Klux Klan. Is he favorable to it or does he feel that it is a menace to the spirit of Americanism and is therefore opposed to it? No one seems to know, but so far as indications go, the Klansmen are most favorable to his candidacy. No one has any doubt about Davis or LaFollette on that issue.

Silence may defeat its purpose. Someone has said "Silence is vocal if you listen well." When these questions are asked so often and remain unanswered, is it at all unreasonable that the silence becomes vocal and the listening millions place their own conclusions on it.

You ask then, at this stage, what are the probabilities of the final outcome? Naturally with three candidates in the field it is difficult to show figures, for any prophesy you may make—you can only speak generally. As we said in the very beginning of the campaign, the LaFollette ticket is no joke. The Republicans are very much frightened at the inroads he has made on the Republican vote in the West and Northwest, and indeed, in some of the rock-ribbed New England States. Their fight is now and has been to hold the Republican vote, and they can not do it.

Naturally LaFollette will get some Democratic votes, but not enough to cause the loss of a single Democratic State. The Democratic disaffection in the West is but trivial and it will carry several States West of the Mississippi because of the Republican vote that will go to LaFollette.

The solid South will remain solid. New York has been doubtful until the past week, when Gov. Smith finally decided to again take the nomination for Governor. This should make New York nearly certain for Davis and Bryan.

Political prophets have said that neither Davis or Coolidge will have a majority of the electoral votes and that the election would go to the House of Representatives. Two weeks ago it looked very much that way, but at this time the Democratic candidates seem to have a shade the best of it.

This is the Wilson, Taft, Roosevelt campaign over again. LaFollette does not have the backing among the prominent Republicans that Roosevelt had, but at the same time it is a contest between the conservative or stand-pat wing of the party and the progressives—and the progressives can be counted by the million.

Take it altogether, it is a very interesting campaign, and the result will determine whether the American people will stand for the corruption and dishonesty in high places in the last administration that has been unearthed by Congressional committees. We do not believe they will.

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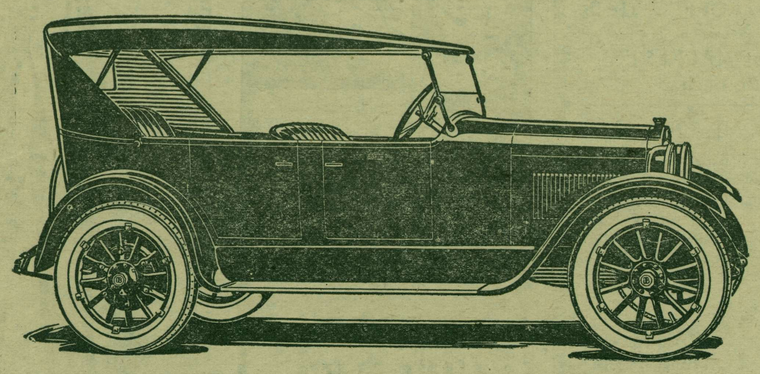

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