PASTEUR

OF WORLD FAME!

If the measure of human greatness is to be found in the amount of blessedness that a man's life and work bring to his fellowmen, there has lately passed from our midst one of the greatest of all great men. The moral philosophers tell us that the pursuit of pleasure and the avoidance of pain are chief among the natural instincts of man. If this be so, Pasteur has done more to ameliorate the condition of the race than any one man, living or dead. And it was all done so quietly. There was no ostentation; no preliminary flourish of trumpets; none of that striving for dramatic effect which is popularly, and we think all unjustly, supposed to characterize the people among whom he lived, worked and died.

A man of firm convictions, unwearying patience, indomitable courage, and with unlimited courage for work, he lived in the laboratory. In its quiet seclusion he wrestled with and conquered problems that had baffled the most learned savants of his own and all previous ages.

Born at Dole, France, on December 27, 1822, he early showed a love for the study of chemistry. He entered the Ecole Mormale at Paris, where he followed up his researches in his chosen line, and afterward at Sorbonne he further prepared himself under the tuition of M. Dumas, whom he was to succeed in later years at the Academie Francaise.

Pasteur's first great work was accomplished in the years 1865-66, when he was called upon to investigate the silkworm plague, which was destroying one of the great industries of France. He at once stated that the plague was due to a parasite, and that it could be stopped by destroying all worms and eggs that were affected. This statement was met with ridicule. He was told that the pest would still be propagated by spontaneous generation. Pasteur denied that there was such a thing as spontaneous generation. He proved the truth of his theories, his advice was followed, and the plague was checked.

He then turned his attention to the phenomenon of fermentation, alleging that it was caused by animalcules. He claimed that if all germs could be excluded, fermentation would be impossible. Again he was met with ridicule, and with the old cry of "spontaneous generation." To prove his point he carried out experiments in pure mountain air; and he showed conclusively that altitude where the air was free from germs no fermentation did or could occur; and that, therefore, "spontaneous generation" was as he had all along contended, a myth.

It was a natural sequence to these successful experiments, that Pasteur should next investigate the diseases of men and animals.

He had already proved that the deadly silkworm plague was due to the action of living organisms; he now argued that the contagious and infectious diseases of men and animals were probably caused and sustained in the same way. His investigations proved the theory correct; and he soon had brought a large number of deadly diseases within control.

The investigations of his later life were directed more particularly to the cure of that horrible malady, hydrophobia. For a while public opinion, both lay and professional, was divided as to the merits of his cure. Today, however, there is a wide and increasing belief in its efficacy. From all parts of the world victims from the hydrophobic bite are flocking to the famous institute for treatment. It is a fact that no patient who goes there sufficiently soon after being bitten to give the treatment time to grapple with the poison is ever known to die in the hospital.

Louis Pasteur is the father of the "germ theory" of diseases. Previous to his discoveries the practice of medicine in the treatment of diseases was largely "guess work." Necessarily so; for how shall a man treat correctly a disease the essential nature of which is a mystery to him?

Physicians were groping in the dark; wrestling blindly with a foe they could not see, and that was manifest to them only by its fatal effects. Pasteur has thrown the clear light of science upon this foe, and has shown to the medical world its origin, its method of growth, and the extent of its powers; and best of all, he has put into the hands of the physicians a sure means for its extermination.

Diphtheria, cholera and hydrophobia have been stripped of their terrors; consumption soon will be; and it is reasonable to expect that before another decade has gone by there will not be a single disease that is not fully under the control of the physician.

Such was the life-work of Pasteur. He is dead, but his healing touch will be felt to the end of time. If ever fame can render a man "immortal," it will be to Louis Pasteur that the generations to come will give the title with grateful reverence.

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Taking all these matters into account, and considering that each boat must have from forty to fifty sailors to man her, it becomes evident that the building and maintaining of such a yacht is a matter of no small expense. Mr. Geo. Gould spent no less than $40,000 to put Vigilant in condition to race with Defender in the preliminary trials this year. The crew has to be engaged and trained for weeks before the racer is put into commission, and kept at work for a couple of months before the great contests for the Cup are held. These sailors, of course, cannot live on the yacht, since there is no room for bunks or a gallery on the modern racing-machine. Therefore, both Defender and Valkyrie have steam-tenders.—*Harper's Round Table.*

ABOUT POULTRY.

If the hens are closely confined and are fed too largely on corn they will soon get fat and stop laying.

Duck, rather more than any other kind of poultry, need plenty of water while they are eating. Otherwise they are liable to choke.

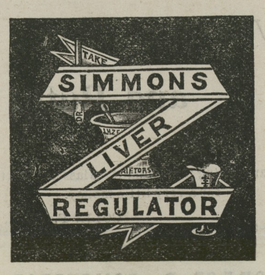
Large roosters bred with small hens are apt to produce long legged stock, while small males with large hens will give short legs and fine bodies.

A cockerel should be at least a year old when used for breeding, especially if used with pullets.

Give the hens as much liberty as possible. It is natural for them to forage and they will lay more eggs on the food they will pick up than if fed in a closely confined place.

To insure fertility of eggs the fowls must have exercise, good, wholesome food, and the roosters and hens should be together for at least a week before commencing to save up the eggs for hatching.

If geese are kept at all, keep one of the larger breeds, like the Embden or Toulouse. It is just as easy to keep a good breed as to allow room for the common kinds. Geese live many years and the old stock is best for breeding. As the old ones are not salable it will be best to keep them and sell the young.



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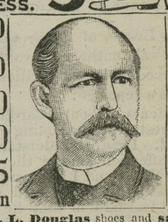
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