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Destroying Nature's Balance.

Unrest has been about us, politically and socially, and now the same awkward questioning has invaded the field of science. What will result from our tampering with nature's forces? May not our groping among the great secrets unloose war dogs of wase ferocity we have no measure? Or, again, may we not, unknowing, dam some brook of force, petty to-our perceptions but designed to meet an imperious need if allowed to run its course?

All about us opposing forces of good and had are in unstable equilibrium which some act of ours may disturb and cause an all-wrecking explosion. In the realm of microscopy we saw disease germs in deadly conflict with protecting opsonins just as in the grosser world we see sakes destroying frogs, and birds the snakes, quadrupeds the birds, and bipeds the quadruped; each seeming to have its duty to perform to keep the other in proper restraint. But now suppose something is done to disturb this nicety of adjustment?

But now suppose sometiming is done to disturb this nicely of adjustment!

England is even now fearing that she has done this very thing. There has been a sudden and aimost unbelievable increase in the number of rats throughout tail United Kingdom. Man in his effort to appropriate the universe has destroyed ratallessly and thoughtlessly the rat's enemies, the stout, the owl, etc., and suidenly the rod-nt, freed of his hereditary destroyer, has bred with the miraculous fertility that characterizes his kind, and the becuniary loss to England from the "gray peril" has resen to the hundreds of millions.

This would be bad enough in itself if the chain of circumstace ended there. Unfortunately, no! With the pusumanic and bubonic plagues devastating the East rats have another significance, for proor in er rat the flee, and

With the pneumonic and bubonic plagues devastating the Eistration have another significance, for through the rat the flee, and the rough the first the plague.

Now the rat is a large, and the rough the first the plague.

Now the rat is a large, and requisive beans which we can readily see, reach and combat when once our human intelligence is directed to that end, but suppose the case were different. Suppose the east south of the suppose the east work of the suppose the case were different suppose the east work of some of usua's institutions and awful diseas. Soes, Sappose that the organism who works the destruction of the charbon coccus or the germ of meningitis should suddenly be annihilated so that the spores of those Indexous diseases could develop with the speed they possess unnihilated by their natural enemies! The human warfaire against such attacks would be quite otherwise grave, as a stab in the dark as compared with a face to-face assault in broad daylight.

Another possible disturbance

with a face to face assault in broad dayligh.

Another possible disturbance of nature's balance is suggested by a great puysician in the case of buy feeding. The scientist takes exception to long great care in the sterilization and measure nent of the food given to the babe lest from disuse the forces of self-preservation in the little body be atrophied and leave the system unprotected against the first permanatine. We know that start post the far force, where the system of the far force, and the tarter are, fan quick victims to our incumous and daytheria when

brought into our infected civilization, because the protective elements which time and natural selection have put into our blood are absent from the Eskimo or the Finn.

These are but two of the myriad ways in which nature's balance might be disturbed, for the possibilities are chemical, vital, astronomical even, and who knows at what moment some chain of circumstances may not be set in motion, as in the old nursery story when the rope began to hang the butcher, the butcher began to kill the ox, the ox began to drink the water, the water began to the ment of the property of the prope

Home and Foreign Notes.

The officers and men of the cavalry detachment of the Semi-Military Display are asked to attend parada today at 4 p.m., at the Plaza de Toro.

A fire occurred in Kingston on Saturday night, 29th ult., which resulted in the destruction of the dry goods store owned by Messrs Henriques and Abrahama, in King Street

A food scandal exists at the Government College at Jamaica. The students of the college lave of late been loud in their complaints against the food given them for consumption. It is saidtast the matter will be brought to the attention of the Govern-

Mrs. W. R. Parson, Manager of the United Fruit Company Com-missary at Zont arrived here yes-terday on the Siberia from Jamaica, where he had been spending a few weeks. We gladly welcome the gentleman back and trust he will continue to look as we saw him land from the good ship.

What is believed to be a plot What is believed to be a plot to overthrow the existing government of the Dominican republic was nipped in the bud the Inter part of April Iast, with the arest of ex-President Mauricio J min-z and Gent il Toribio, formerly of the army of the Dominican republic.

Congress Julian Betancourt has Congress animal Betometers introduced a bill at Congress. Havana, seeking the abolition of the "garrote" in Cuba as a means of capital punishment, chloroform will be introduced as the most humane way of despatching a

Mr. M. M. Abrahams, bodeguero of the N. R. R. stores department, was select with a fainting fit yesterday morning while at work. D., Velasquez-Was called by telephone and fould the min's condition was brought about by a bid cell a 14 rays which had debitated in the sacretary mable to attend to the duties of his office in the execution of which he collapsed.

A woman named Sarah Gordon was arrested at Morant Bay and was arrested at Morant Bay and arraigned on a serious charge. She is a married woman and her husband is employed on the Canal Zone. Owing to suspicious circumstances a search was made in an unoccupied building in the yad sne lived where it was discovered that she had buried the body of a newly born infant that she was responsibel for.

A man named Joseph Johnson, residing at Moneague, Jamaica, was apprehended and charged with the marder of live persons. It appeared that a woman named Elizabeth Simpon lived it concubinage with Johnson and they subsequently fell out. Johnson kept a field where he grew yam, he learn that the woman was in the habit of helping herself with yams from the field. It is alleged that he injected arsenie in the growing yams and as a result the woman Simpson, her child, and one Mrs. McCardy's three children died.

The s.s. San Jose is expected to arrive here to-day from New York, consigned to the United Fruit Company.

The "Mount Vernon" is expected to arrive today from New Orleans. She will sail the same evening for Mobile with a large cargo of bananas; she will be consigned to the United Fruit

The s.s. Siberia of the Hamburg American Line of steamers came into port early yesterday morning with the following passengers from New York: Mrs. Teresa Giralt and infant. From Jamaica: Miss F. Ewbank, J. Workstock, W. R. Parson and 59 deckers.

The s. s. "Parismina" arrived yesterday morning consigned to the United Fruit Company. She brong at the following passengers from Colon; A. P. Laguter. William T. Penny, Thomas de la Perriere. Juam Compildo, Jacob Abadi, Rachel Abadi, Joseph Abadi, Bachel Abadi, Joseph Abadi, Richard J. Jones, William M. Berg, Mrs. Mary M. Berg and child, Henry T. Hitchinson, Fred. Gordon, John M. Rogers, Juan Caurneros, Benjamin Arden, David Serugs, Romulo Pacheco, Mrs. Emilio Pacheco, Mrs. Sofia Pacheco and 24 in transit, also 17 deckers.

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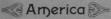
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