

ANTITOXIN DISCOVERY.

Success of Two Brooklyn Physicians in the Treatment of Pneumonia.

Dr. Charles Lundbeck, of 107 Bergen street, and Dr. Carl Elfstrom, of State street, Brooklyn, N. Y., have discovered an antitoxin which they claim will cure pneumonia in its worst stages. Dr. Lundbeck admitted that he and Dr. Elfstrom, after many years of patient study and secret research, had succeeded in reaching a result which he believed to be wonderful in its effect, and which would surely cure the worst forms of pneumonia without difficulty.

In a dozen or more cases in which the antitoxin has been tried it has invariably worked a cure. The discovery may revolutionize the treatment of such cases throughout the world. Dr. Lundbeck refused to say just how the antitoxin is obtained. It is said, however, that the antitoxin is secured by a method entirely new. The principle is, of course, to destroy one germ by attacking it with another germ which is initial to it. According to what was made known the antitoxin in this case is obtained from the patient himself in some peculiar way and is hypodermically injected.

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In view of the apparent disposition of the Canadian authorities to prevent the United States troops from accompanying the relief expedition into the gold country a brief review of the correspondence that has so far taken place between the two governments may be of interest.

The negotiations proper started December 30 last between Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, of the war department, and Mr. Sifton, minister of the interior for Canada, then in Washington. The official reports that a complete agreement, as it was understood at the time, was reached as to the course to be followed by the expedition and its escort. Soon after Mr. Sifton's return to Ottawa, a question arose as to the free admission of supplies to be taken into the government expedition in case they were to be sold at cost, which was disposed of by a prompt telegram from Mr. Sifton in answer to Mr. Meiklejohn, saying that it was intended to charge duty upon provisions to be sent in. Mr. Sifton also reminded Mr. Meiklejohn of the stipulation between them that no unofficial or unauthorized persons should accompany the expedition. To facilitate free entry he asked for a certified list of the persons and an inventory of the outfit of the expedition. In confirmation of this came a note from Mr. Julian Pauncefort, the British ambassador, confirming the statement as to the present check on the tardiness of employees, by which the watchman takes the names and the time of arrival, and departure at regular intervals of the employees of the various bureaus. This system was inaugurated by Secretary Gage, and has reduced the cases of tardiness in the treasury department to a minimum, and at the same time increased the efficiency of the work. Few if any complaints are heard from chiefs of bureaus about the tardiness of their clerks, and while the time clocks may be found useful in the separate buildings used by the treasury department, it is a question whether they would be available or practicable in the big granite pile itself.

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Treasury Department Experimenting with a Time Register.

An experiment is being tried in the treasury department at Washington with time clocks to regulate the attendance of employes, the same as in large mercantile and other establishments throughout the country. These clocks have been placed in the second and sixth auditors' offices, both of which are in separate buildings from the treasury department. By this arrangement all the employes enter by one door and each one touches a little button upon coming into the building, showing the time of arrival, and the same process is gone through at four o'clock, when the offices close for the day.

These clocks are merely experimental, and there is no certainty that they will be adopted as a permanent institution of the government. In a building like the treasury department proper, where there are a dozen entrances and exits for the 1,800 employes, it would be absolutely indispensable to have a watchman keep a lookout on the time clock continuously to see that no frauds were perpetrated. These time clocks have been used for several years in department stores and big manufacturing establishments where there is only one means of entrance and exit, and in these places they have given perfect satisfaction.

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