

COLORED PHYSICIAN URGES CLEANLINESS

Dr. John A. Kenney of Tuskegee Institute Is Issuing Series of Health Bulletins.

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Tuskegee, Ala.—(Special.)—As a result of the tuberculosis exhibition held here a year ago much valuable education work is being done along health matters. The second of a series of sanitary bulletins, which follows, sent out by Dr. Jno. A. Kenney, physician of the school, is devoted to the fly and tells practical things which the colored people can do.

Now is the time to kill the flies. The common house fly is one of the worst enemies to health we have. He breeds in filth; such as manure heaps, unclean barn yards, stables, pigpens, toilets, garbage cans, and heaps of old rubbish. He is not very discriminating about his food. He will feed on the refuse of the above-mentioned places for a while, and then with legs, wings, and belly loaded with this filth and thousands of germs, many of which are disease-breeding, will fly away to your kitchen, or dining room, or bedchamber. There he will walk over your meat, fruit, vegetables, bread and over the sleeping baby's lips, leaving behind him a trail of this filth and these germs, many of which are deadly. Thus, he spreads diarrhoea, dysentery, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and other dangerous diseases. The fly that falls into the pitcher of milk and is thrown out has possibly had washed from his body sufficient dangerous germs to poison the entire household.

Abundance of flies means much filth. The two means prevalence of disease. Therefore, clean up! clean out!! keep clean!!!

Attack them in their breeding places. Cut off their sources of supply. The female lays her eggs in accumulated filth. They hatch in about ten days. Hence, if the rubbish is disinfected and removed or destroyed once a week, we destroy a generation of flies. By so doing we stop the breed and at the same time cut off their food supply. Then they will seek the interior of your homes. Screen all your doors and windows and keep them out. Keep your kitchens and dining rooms clean. Cover up everything that is eatable. Don't let soiled dishes or kitchen utensils stand for a minute. Where there are earth closets, use pails, plenty of dry earth, lime, ashes and fly proof covers. Starve out the flies; then put down fly paper and fly poison and they'll flock to it. Even more essential now to take these precautions than in early summer, because the cool weather of approaching fall and winter will run them to your dwellings for shelter and food. Will you continue to furnish board and lodgings for some of your deadliest enemies? Statistics from some of the large cities prove that the above classes of diseases increase many fold in the fall months when the first cool weather drives the flies in; and before it is sufficiently cold to kill them. Away with the deadly house fly! Civilization, decency and health all demand that he must go.