

THE INFLUENCE OF SUNLIGHT ON TUBERCULOUS
SPUTUM IN DENVER: A STUDY AS TO THE
CAUSE OF THE GREAT DEGREE OF IMMUNITY
AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS ENJOYED BY THOSE
LIVING IN HIGH ALTITUDES.

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A CAREFUL and painstaking review of the literature in English, French, German, and Italian, since the discovery of the tubercle bacillus, has revealed that there are reported but three series of experiments with reference to the effect of direct sunlight on the viability and virulence of the tubercle bacillus. There stands recorded, however, a long list of experiments made to determine the effect of other natural agents in destroying the virulence of this bacillus, such as putrefactive changes, the influence of soil, desiccation, and, lastly, exposure to the ordinary climatic conditions, in which, with other elements, direct sunlight has been more or less of an important factor.

In the natural course of events, when tuberculous material is expectorated by a consumptive, all of the above conditions operate in a greater or less degree to bring about the attenuation, and, finally, if the process is not interfered with, the complete destruction of the infecting power of such material.

In attempting to test any one of the above conditions separately, in as far as this is possible, one is met at the outset by the difficulty that in nature these conditions co-operate for the most part simultaneously; and thus the singling out of any one particular process, and subjecting it to experiment, might be met with the criticism that such conditions would not occur naturally, and that therefore such conclusions would not be applicable. Nevertheless, since the experiments of Downes and Blunt with mixed cultures, and Arloing with pure cultures, direct sunlight has been regarded as the most powerful natural agent in destroying the virulence of pathogenic bacteria; and

we feel that we are justified in selecting this one natural agent as a criterion to determine, in a large measure at least, the time nature would take to render such material innocuous.

The first recorded experiments in this direction are those by Feltz.¹ He made a mixture of soil and tuberculous sputum, rich in tubercle bacilli. This was exposed to the direct rays of the sun, commencing on 13th September 1887. After 137 days' exposure such material caused tuberculosis when inoculated into guinea-pigs, but beyond this length of time it had lost its virulence. The same author makes the extraordinary statement that a portion of the same mixture of soil and tuberculous sputum, when exposed to the changing climatic and atmospheric conditions as they occur naturally, retained its virulence for but a little over two months. The mixture was subjected to the inclemencies of the weather by exposure in a box, the lid of which was pierced with numerous holes.

In the same year that this publication appeared, it was the privilege of one of us (Mitchell) to hear Robert Koch make the statement before the Tenth International Medical Congress at Berlin, that the tubercle bacillus was killed by direct sunlight in from a few minutes to several hours, according to the thickness of the layer in which it was exposed, and that diffused daylight accomplished the same in five days. This statement occurs in the *Transactions* of the Congress,² but we have been unable to find any record of the experiments themselves, and we infer that he used pure cultures of the bacillus. Whatever of this may be true, with reference to the tubercle bacillus in pure culture, this statement surely does not apply to the tubercle bacillus as it is contained in expectorated tuberculous matter, the condition chiefly with which the sanitarian has to deal. We felt that such a statement, from so eminent an authority as Professor Koch, has given many sanitarians a false sense of security, and it was mainly to determine for ourselves if such was the case that these experiments were instituted.

The next recorded experiments are those by Mignaceo.³ This author adopted the method of spreading sputum, rich in tubercle bacilli, on linen and woollen cloths, stretching them on a frame, and exposing them to the direct rays of the sun. The experiments were commenced 31st July 1894, and ended 22nd September of the same year. After different lengths of exposure, either small pieces of cloth were cut from the frames, moistened, and then inoculated subcutaneously into guinea-pigs and rabbits, or the cloth was soaked in sterile water, and squeezed out as thoroughly as possible, and this

¹ "Essai experimental et clinique sur le rôle des poussières Bacillaires dans la contagion de la tuberculose et sur la durée de la virulence de ces Poussières," Nancy, 1890.

² *Verhandl. d. X. internat. med. Cong.*, Berlin, 1890, S. 42.

³ "Azione della luce solare sulla virulenza del bacillo tubercolare," *Ann. d. Ist. d'ig. sper. d. Univ. di Roma*, 1895, tomo v. fasc. ii. p. 216.

liquid injected into the animal. Mignaceo's conclusions were as follows:—

“(a) Sunlight exercises a deleterious effect on the tubercle bacillus, just as it does on other bacteria.

“(b) Tubercle bacilli, as found in tuberculous sputum, and spread on linen or woollen cloths, are not able to withstand the influence of direct sunlight for more than twenty-four to thirty hours, provided it is not spread in too thick a layer.

“(c) The virulence of the tubercle bacillus diminishes gradually after from ten to fifteen hours' insolation, and eventually, in the above given time, entirely loses its virulence.”

Since our work in this direction has been completed, Gardiner, in an article on “Tubercular Infection,”¹ mentions having exposed tuberculous sputum to the direct rays of the sun for one and three-quarter hours, two hours and five minutes, and twenty-four hours. The material first exposed caused general tuberculosis; the second general tuberculosis in one, and local tuberculosis in two animals; the third caused local tuberculosis.

In short, then, our knowledge of the influence of insolation on the tubercle bacillus or on tuberculous sputum is as follows: According to Feltz such material is still virulent at 137 days; according to Koch the bacillus is killed in from a few minutes to several hours; Mignaceo, from twenty-four to thirty hours; Gardiner, experiments not comprehensive enough to draw conclusions.

Our experiments were commenced in the latter part of September 1897. The plan was to deposit on a sandy soil as much tuberculous sputum as a patient in the second or third stage of phthisis usually expectorates when walking about. This was then exposed to the direct rays of the sun for varying lengths of time, and its virulence tested by the inoculation of guinea-pigs.

After several attempts we were fortunate in finding a sputum which was expectorated in large quantities, and which the microscopical examination showed to be remarkably free from all bacteria other than the tubercle bacillus. This was of especial importance, as it was intended to make the injections intraperitoneally, and acute septic infection had especially to be guarded against. That we were successful in this regard is shown by the results obtained, as only one of the animals injected succumbed to septicæmia. This sputum was obtained from a patient in the practice of Dr. S. A. Fisk. The patient was in the third stage of phthisis, and has since died. Our technique was as follows: The morning sputum was allowed to remain for two hours in a sterilised filter paper and funnel, so as to drain off as much of the saliva as possible. Then this mixture was stirred with a sterile glass rod, so as to make it as homogeneous as possible, and thus lessen the chance of exposing or injecting bronchial secretion not containing

¹ *Am. Journ. Med. Sc.*, Phila., February 1898.

tubercle bacilli. Four grms. of this sputum were then weighed, placed on a sandy soil, and exposed to the sun's rays. The soil was placed in the lower half of a Petri dish, and sterilised for two hours at 150° C. When the allotted hours of exposure had terminated, the sputum, which after the first several hours of exposure had formed a firm crust, and could easily be lifted *en masse*, was taken from the soil with a sterile spatula, and dissolved in 6.5 c.c. of sterilised distilled water. One c.c. of this mixture was injected intraperitoneally. Beginning on the 28th September, the sputum was exposed daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. to the direct rays of the sun. When the day was hazy, or the sun under a cloud, the boards on which the Petri dishes and their sputum were exposed were placed in a dark chamber. The same chamber, which was a large unused incubator, served also as a resting place for the sputa at all times when they were not exposed to the sun. The days on which the exposures were made are given in the table below. The dishes were exposed to the sun on a broad ledging, running along the outside of the bacteriological laboratory of the Denver Health Department.

In order to test the virulence of the sputum, two guinea-pigs were inoculated as controls. One died after twenty days and the other after six weeks, both presenting the typical lesions found in tuberculous guinea-pigs. At the conclusion of the experiments, two pigs, which were bought at the same time and kept under the same conditions as the inoculated guinea-pigs, were killed and found healthy. With the sputum, which was exposed to the different insulations, two pigs each were inoculated. The hours of exposure were as follows:—1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 45, and 55 hours, and the time taken to obtain the fifty-five hours of sunshine was, from 28th September to 22nd October 1897. At the autopsies, which were conducted with great care in every case where an animal had been inoculated, sections were made of one or more of the organs and examined for the tubercle bacillus, and, provided this test failed, sections were stained and studied histologically.

The autopsies revealed that sputum, which had been exposed up to thirty-five hours, was still virulent. However, in only one of the two animals injected with the sputum, insolated for thirty-five hours, was tuberculosis produced. The other animal was tuberculous, it is true, but from what follows it will be seen that this animal suffered from inhalation tuberculousis.

An abstract from the autopsy of the first pig inoculated with the thirty-five hour material shows the following:—Spleen and liver contain few tubercles; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of the spleen; histologically, also, typical tubercles were present with the exception that there were no giant cells. Diagnosis, general tuberculosis. This guinea-pig gave birth to two young on 9th December, about seven weeks after she was inoculated, and at the time she was killed she

was fairly well nourished, and had suckled her young with apparent comfort. The tuberculous virus after this length of exposure, although it could still produce tuberculosis, had greatly lost its virulence. The two pigs born were killed about a month later, and were found healthy and fairly well nourished.

An abstract from the autopsy of the second animal, inoculated with the material exposed for thirty-five hours, shows the following:— Peritoneum clear; liver and spleen normal; lungs contain a few tubercles; bronchial glands enormously enlarged. Sections of spleen show no tubercle bacilli; histologically, normal tissue found. Section of bronchial glands contain tubercle bacilli. Diagnosis, inhalation tuberculosis.

At first sight it may seem a difficult or even a dangerous proceeding to classify as infected with tuberculosis from inhalation an animal inoculated with material which, in fact, was also under trial as to its own power to cause a tubercular infection. Such is not the case, however, as the artificially contracted (when such is not caused by inhalation), and the naturally contracted, tuberculosis of guinea-pigs and rabbits are as easily distinguished, one from another, as if they were separate diseases, provided one does not allow animals to live too long a time after work with tuberculous material has commenced. If such animals are guinea-pigs, we believe that all animals that have not died within eight weeks should be killed, as up to this time, if the animals are tuberculous, it can be readily told whether the disease has been spontaneously acquired or is the result of the inoculation.

Koch, in speaking of this subject in his epoch-making work on "The Etiology of Tuberculosis,"¹ says: "Among many hundreds of guinea-pigs and rabbits which were bought for experimental purposes, were experimented upon and finally came to autopsy, not a single animal was encountered which was tuberculous. Only, after experiments with tuberculous material had commenced, and there were a large number of tuberculous animals in separate cages, but in the same room with other animals, it was observed that isolated cases of tuberculosis occurred among the latter animals. In such animals the tubercular symptoms were never noticeable until the animal had been at least from three to four months in a room with tuberculous animals. It was also characteristic that when the number of artificially infected animals diminished, the number of cases of spontaneous tuberculosis diminished likewise, and *vice versa*. . . . The changes which are found in animals dead of spontaneous tuberculosis differ in a very characteristic manner from those originating from an artificial infection, so that the different way and manner of the infection may be recognised with all positiveness. In animals afflicted with spontaneous tuberculosis there were regularly found in the lungs one or several

¹ "Spontane Tuberkulöse der Meerschweinchen u. Kaninchen," *Mitt. a. d. k. Gsundtsamte.*, 1884.

large tuberculous foci in advanced caseation, and at the same time considerably enlarged and caseous bronchial glands. Several times the foci in the lungs were missing, and only the enlarged glands with caseous glands contents were present. The tuberculous changes of the other organs were proportionately less advanced." In animals inoculated with tuberculous material, otherwise than by inhalation, "the bronchial glands were so small that they could scarcely be found. Also, in these cases, the liver and the spleen suffered the greatest tuberculous changes, while the tubercles in the lungs were relatively small."

The changes thus described by Koch are what we found in the two animals, which we claim died of inhalation tuberculosis. The abdominal organs were healthy, and only the lungs and bronchial glands were infected. If the material, which in all of our animals was injected intraperitoneally, had been virulent, it would not have been probable or even possible that it would have passed by the peritoneum, the spleen, and the liver—three choice places for development—to infect only the lungs. In both of the cases with the enlarged tuberculous glands, the peritoneum, spleen, and liver were free from disease.

The animals which were inoculated with the sputum exposed from one to twenty-five hours were all tuberculous, with the exception of one of the two injected with sputum which had been exposed seven hours, and this pig died nine days after the inoculation of an acute septicæmic infection. In the other animal, the seven-hour exposed sputum caused general tuberculosis.

In the sections of the organs taken from the animals, which were inoculated with sputum exposed from one up to seven hours, the tubercle bacilli were present in such great numbers that it seemed almost incredible that animals which are so susceptible as guinea-pigs, were able to live as long as they did. From the ten-hour on up to the thirty-five hour exposure, the tubercle bacilli could only be demonstrated after considerable search, and in some cases, where characteristic tubercular lesions were present, histologically, no bacilli could be detected.

The sputum exposed above thirty-five hours, *i.e.* at forty-five and fifty-five hours, failed to cause tuberculosis. In one of the "forty-five-hour" injected pigs we found the liver, spleen, and abdominal contents free from tubercular disease, both macroscopically and microscopically, whereas the lungs contained a few large tubercles, and the bronchial glands were enormously enlarged and tuberculous. According to Koch, we must classify this as inhalation tuberculosis also. It is worthy of note that both this animal and the other which contracted tuberculosis were in cages standing almost directly on the floor, whereas the other cages were elevated somewhat.

One of the "fifty-five-hour" exposure guinea-pigs succumbed from

pneumonia on 5th December, and at the autopsy no signs of tuberculosis could be detected, and since death occurred nearly seven weeks after the inoculation there was ample time for tubercular development, provided the sputum inoculated had been virulent. When we examined sections of the pneumonic lung under the microscope, unstained and in salt solution, we thought we had to do with a genuine fibrinous pneumonia, as the alveoli appeared almost entirely occluded; however, when sections were stained and mounted, it was found that the occlusion was due to the enormously congested vessels and the swollen mucous membrane.

One or two of the animals of the earlier injections, which were very feeble and emaciated, and would unquestionably have died in a short time, if left to themselves, were purposely killed, in order, if possible, to obtain a pure culture of the tubercle bacillus. Out of about forty tubes inoculated with portions of dissected-out tubercles, we succeeded in starting one pure culture.

A summary of these results shows—

1. That the tubercle bacillus, as expectorated on a sandy soil, is still virulent after thirty-five hours' exposure to the direct rays of the sun in this altitude.

2. That such sputum has suffered but little appreciable diminution in virulence after twenty hours' exposure.

3. That after from twenty to thirty-five hours' exposure, the virulence is gradually diminished and finally lost if the exposure extends beyond the last-mentioned time.

The conclusion which we draw as to the infectiousness of sputum, as expectorated by consumptives in this altitude while engaged in their daily avocations, is that such sputum has ample time to become desiccated and blown in the atmosphere before being robbed of its power to cause the tuberculosis, if inhaled by susceptible individuals.

Now, since there unquestionably exists a great degree of immunity against tuberculosis in this region and at this altitude, its explanation must be sought on other grounds than that exposure to sunlight robs the expectorated matter of its virulence, before it is blown about and inhaled. It is then in order to turn our attention to the effects of the climatological phenomena as we find them here on the vital forces of the individual.

A study of all the various meteorological conditions as we find them at sea-level, and the deviations from these normals as we find them in high altitudes, would be far beyond the province of this paper, but a few of these changes which bear directly on this subject may be considered here. First, as to the absence of moisture in the atmosphere. In high altitudes both the absolute and the relative moisture is low, and this, together with the much lessened atmospheric pressure and almost constant winds of greater or less degree, greatly facilitates evaporation. Thus there are created conditions extremely favourable

for the abstraction of moisture by the atmosphere, from whatever substances it comes in contact with. In the so-called dry region of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Wyoming, this desiccating power of the atmosphere is extreme, much greater than at corresponding altitudes in other regions. The moist surfaces of the lungs, in common with other moist surfaces, must suffer considerably more loss from moisture in this altitude than at lower ones; and it is this constant battle for moisture compensation, especially as it occurs in the lungs, that we believe to be one, and by no means the least, of the factors which either aids in granting such a large measure of immunity against tuberculosis here, or in arresting or retarding such processes in their incipiency. We know that the tubercle bacillus grows but poorly or not at all on media deficient in moisture, and while it hardly seems possible that there could be moisture enough extracted to leave the alveolar linings in a state too dry to offer a suitable nidus for the invading bacillus, yet it is not improbable that this constant and rapid pulmonary evaporation creates conditions extremely unfavourable to its development.

This absence of moisture in the atmosphere acts beneficially on the animal organism as a whole, especially in the summer months, thereby giving an increased bodily vitality, when in other regions in the same temperature the individual experiences a bodily enervation. For example, if we take the actual temperature, as measured by the ordinary thermometer, for two cities nearly on the same parallel of latitude as Denver and Washington, one in a dry mountainous region and the other at sea-level, we find that the temperature in the hot summer months, as given by the ordinary thermometer, differs but slightly; but the sensation of temperature, the heat that the individual feels, is not measured by the ordinary thermometer but by the wet-bulb thermometer, and the reading of this thermometer in the two cities mentioned would differ considerably, as the following table will show.

During the hot spell of August 1896, we find the following differences registered between the air temperature as shown by the ordinary thermometer, and the sensible temperature as shown by the wet-bulb thermometer:—

	DENVER.		WASHINGTON.	
	Air Temperature.	Wet Bulb Temperature.	Air Temperature.	Wet Bulb Temperature.
Aug. 12	90° F.	58° F.	88° F.	78° F.
„ 13	85° „	59° „	70° „	70° „
„ 14	90° „	59° „	78° „	72° „
„ 15	85° „	59° „	80° „	72° „

Or, to take a single day, we find that on 12th August while the people in Denver apparently were suffering from a temperature of 90° , in reality the heat they felt was 32° less. On the same date in Washington there was but 10° difference between the two temperatures. This difference in temperatures the year around, but more marked in summer, exercises a decidedly tonic effect on the system. Sunstrokes originating here are unknown.

The next meteorological phenomenon which apparently contributes so much, both directly and indirectly, to the placing of the human organism in a position to resist the invasion of tubercle bacillus by way of the lungs, is the lessened atmospheric pressure. From a little less than 15 lb. at sea-level this pressure is diminished about one-half pound for each 1000 ft. ascension. At Denver, with its altitude of 5290 ft., from a comparison of the barometric readings here with those at sea-level, the atmospheric pressure is found to be 12.04 lb. per sq. in., a loss of nearly 3 lb.

We know that when the animal organism is subjected to increased atmospheric pressure, the blood is caused to recede from the capillaries of the skin and mucous membrane, thus producing an anæmia of these parts. The reverse of this is true when the organism is subjected to a diminished atmospheric pressure. In extremely high altitudes the diminished air pressure causes a great dilatation of the capillary vessels of both skin and mucous membrane, causing a mechanical hyperæmia. Indeed these vessels are often ruptured, and we may have hæmorrhage from the mucous membrane of the nose, mouth, or even the lungs; the tympanum is bulged outward, the respiratory and cardiac movements are quickened, and muscular motions are facilitated. In short, we have the conditions described by adventurous mountain-climbers, and known as *mal de montagne*.

At Denver, with its reduction of nearly 3 lb. to the sq. in., we have all of the above symptoms produced, but on a scale of so much less intensity that they are scarcely noticeable; nevertheless, although this force works almost imperceptibly, it works none the less surely. This diminished pressure, while it operates on the skin and mucous membrane as a whole, acts particularly on the lungs, causing a dilatation of its capillary vessels and a slowing of the blood stream; the thorax is expanded, and there is an increased frequency of respiration as the amount of oxygen is diminished in the rarefied air, and there is the necessity for the greater consumption of the same, so that the blood may receive its normal amount of oxygen. The heart's action is also increased so as to aid in this compensation. These changes all contribute directly to the specific nourishment and resisting power of the lungs. Nor is this all. The diminished pressure on the surface of the body causes the body warmth to be easily and continuously lost and in large quantities. To compensate for this, other things being equal, the appetite is better, the metabolic changes

more rapid and complete, and the need for nourishment greater. Moreover, as a result of the constant evaporation from the surface of the body, the specific gravity of the blood is greater; also, we are told, that in a given quantity of blood, both the number of red blood cells and the percentage of hæmoglobin is increased.¹ All of which changes are directly beneficial to the resisting power of the blood.

In reviewing this work, we find that there are two elements which militate against the spread of tuberculosis in high altitudes—(1) the powerful influence of the solar rays, acting through a thin atmosphere, rapidly destroys the virulence of the exposed tuberculous matter; (2) the vital functions are so operated on by the various meteorological phenomena, that they are especially fortified against the invasion of the tubercle bacillus. We believe that our experiments clearly demonstrate that the immunity does not proceed from the first of these theories, and that we have every logical right to attribute it to the second proposition. When we consider that there are mechanical changes induced by this climate, which increase the exposure area of the blood in the lungs, and that the blood stream is slowed, so that, so to speak, it may the better give battle to the invading enemy; and that also, as a direct result of climatic conditions, this blood undergoes changes which make it stronger in the elements of resistance, the “alexines” of Buchner or the “protective proteids” of Hankin, the inference seems almost absolutely correct. These conclusions are further supported by the fact of the healing or retarding of cases of phthisis which come to this region in the early stages.

In conclusion, we think that these experiments are ample warrant for a greater degree of precaution in the disposal of tuberculous matter. We know of many physicians here who personally believed that the climatological conditions of themselves were amply sufficient to render the virus innocuous; and prior to these experiments we ourselves were of the opinion that a much shorter time was required than has proved to be the case. We trust that these observations may be the means of awakening renewed interest in prophylaxis.

It is with pleasure that we desire to acknowledge our thanks to Dr. S. A. Fisk for the interest and financial aid with which he has followed this work; to Health Commissioner W. P. Munn for having so kindly placed at our disposal the facilities of the Laboratory of the Denver Health Department; and to Mr. F. H. Brandenburg, local observer of the United States Weather Bureau, for valuable meteorological data.

¹ The data with reference to the effect of high altitude on the system are taken from “Witterung u. Klima,” “Grundriss der Hygiene,” Flüge.

No.	Animal.	Hours of Exposure.	Dates of Exposure.	Inoculated.	Died.	Killed.	Autopsy.	Diagnosis.
1	Guinea-pig . . .	Control.	...	Sept. 28, 1897.	Nov. 11, 1897.	...	Tuberculous masses on peritoneum at point of injection; peritoneum studded with fine miliary tubercles; liver and spleen contain numerous tubercles; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of the spleen and liver.	General tuberculosis.
2	"	"	...	" 28, "	Oct. 18, "	...	Pig greatly emaciated; intestines atrophied; spleen tuberculous; liver has characteristic marbled appearance; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of spleen and liver.	"
3	"	1 hour.	Sept. 28, 1897.	" 28, "	" 12, "	...	Peritoneum greatly inflamed and bound down by adhesions; pus in right vesiculæ seminales containing tubercle bacilli; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in ulcer in under-surface of spleen.	"
4	"	1 "	" 28, "	" 28, "	Nov. 15, "	...	Peritoneum and mesentery, numerous tubercles; liver and spleen also contain tubercles; spleen enormously enlarged; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in liver sections.	"
5	"	2 hours.	" 28, "	" 28, "	Oct. 28, "	...	Tubercles in peritoneum and under diaphragm; liver and spleen tuberculous; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of liver; lungs free.	"

6	"	2	"	28,	"	28,	"	"	28,	"	"	29,	"	"	29,	"	"	Tubercles in peritoneum, spleen, liver, and lungs; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of liver and spleen.	"
7	"	4	"	28 & 29,	"	28 & 29,	"	"	28 & 29,	"	Nov. 21,	"	"	"	Nov. 21,	"	"	Tuberculous mass at point of injection; tubercles in peritoneum, liver, and lungs; spleen enormously enlarged, and in section showed tubercle bacilli.	"
8	"	4	"	28 & 29,	"	28 & 29,	"	"	28 & 29,	"	"	29,	"	"	26,	"	"	Tuberculous mass at point of injection; lymphatic gland greatly enlarged; characteristic marbled liver; spleen full of tubercles; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of liver.	"
9	"	7	"	28 & 29,	"	28 & 29,	"	"	28 & 29,	"	Oct. 7,	"	"	"	7,	"	"	Peritoneum congested and filled with serous fluid, as was also the pleuritic cavity.	Acute septic infection.
10	"	7	"	28 & 29,	"	28 & 29,	"	"	28 & 29,	"	"	29,	"	"	"	"	"	Spleen and liver contained numerous tubercles; lungs also tuberculous; liver sections show numerous tubercle bacilli.	General tuberculosis.
11	"	10	"	28, 29, 30,	"	28, 29, 30,	"	"	28, 29, 30,	"	Nov. 16,	"	"	"	"	"	"	Peritoneum studded with tubercles; liver marbled; spleen of enormous volume, and tuberculous; lungs, few tubercles; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in liver sections.	"

¹ Fig very feeble, and greatly emaciated.

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12	Guinea-pig . . .	10 hours.	Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1897.	Sept. 30, 1897.	...	Dec. 30, 1897.	Peritoneum bound in numerous places by adhesions; tubercles in liver and spleen; lungs, few tubercles; lymphatic glands enlarged; section of liver revealed no tubercle bacilli; histologically, liver sections showed round-cell infiltration, surrounding interlobular veins and biliary ducts (subiliary tubercles); central portion of this infiltration contained epithelioid cells, but no typical giant cells observable.	General tuberculosis.
13	"	15 "	From Sept. 28- Oct. 2, 1897.	Oct. 2, "	...	" 13, "	Tuberculous mass at point of injection; spleen and liver contain tubercles; lungs, few tubercles; liver sections show few tubercle bacilli.	"
14	"	15 "	" "	" 2, "	Dec. 23, 1897.	...	Pig greatly emaciated; spleen enormously enlarged and tuberculous; liver marbled; lungs tuberculous; peritoneum contains few scattered tubercles; liver sections show few scattered tubercle bacilli.	"
15	"	20 "	From Sept. 28- Oct. 4, 1897.	" 4, "	Nov. 13, "	...	Peritoneum contains numerous tubercles; also tuberculous mass at point of injection; liver thickly set with large tubercles; miliary tubercles in spleen; lungs apparently free; sections of liver reveal tubercle bacilli in small numbers.	"

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16	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	4,	"	"	29,	"	...	Pig extremely emaciated; peritoneum apparently free; lymphatic glands, especially the inguinal, greatly enlarged; liver and spleen full of tubercles; lungs contain few tubercles; liver sections show few tubercle bacilli.	"
17	"	25	"	From Sept. 28- Oct. 6, 1897.	"	"	"	6,	"	Dec. 18,	"	...	Liver marbled and stained yellow; spleen enlarged and contains tubercles; lungs, few tubercles; sections of liver and lungs reveal no tubercle bacilli; histologically, round-cell infiltration surrounding interlobular veins and biliary ducts; also areas of necrotic liver substance, stained yellow by bile pigment; no typical giant cells (submilliary tubercles).	"	
18	"	25	"	"	"	"	"	6,	"	...	"	22,	"	Lungs negative; liver apparently normal; spleen, few scattered tubercles; mesenteric glands greatly enlarged; sections of spleen reveal no tubercle bacilli, but in the mesenteric glands they were found in considerable number; histologically, the spleen showed necrotic areas with caseation, and also necrotic areas with epithelioid cells; characteristic tubercular tissue with exception of no giant cells.	"

No.	Animal.	Hours of Exposure.	Dates of Exposure.	Inoculated.	Died.	Killed.	Autopsy.	Diagnosis.
19	Guinea-pig . . .	30 hours.	From Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1897. Oct. 2, 4, 6, 12, 1897.	Oct. 12, 1897.	...	Dec. 24, 1897.	Animal well nourished; lungs negative; glands negative; liver and spleen apparently normal; histologically, sections of liver and spleen show normal tissue. <i>Note.</i> —It was the intention to inoculate two pigs with the thirty-hour sputum as with all the other exposure, but by an accident the material was nearly all lost; enough was saved to inject about ½ c.c. in one pig, but this had not been thoroughly rubbed up when the accident occurred, so in no way can this injection be compared with the rest. It is given, however, for the sake of completeness.	Not diseased.
20	"	35 "	Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1897. Oct. 2, 4, 6, 12, 16, 1897.	" 16, "	...	Jan. 6, "	Spleen and liver contained a few tubercles; tubercle bacilli demonstrated in sections of spleen; histologically also, typical tubercles, with the exception of no giant cells. <i>Note.</i> —On Dec. 9 this animal gave birth to two pigs; these were sacrificed later, as will be seen below, and were both found to be healthy.	General tuberculosis.

21	"	35	"	16,	"	Dec. 27,	"	Inhalation tuberculosis.
22	"	45	"	20,	"	Jan. 3,	1898.	"
23	"	45	"	20,	"	Dec. 28,	1897.	Not diseased.
24	"	55	"	20,	"	Dec. 5,	1897.	Pneumonitis.

Peritoneum clear; liver and spleen normal; lungs, few tubercles; bronchial gland enormously enlarged; sections of spleen, no tubercle bacilli; histologically, normal tissue; sections of bronchial glands contain tubercle bacilli.

Peritoneum clear; liver and spleen normal; histologically, normal tissue found; no tubercle bacilli found in sections of spleen; bronchial glands enormously enlarged; lungs contain few tubercles.

Pig well nourished; peritoneum and omentum clear; liver normal; spleen normal; lungs normal; histologically, liver and spleen normal.

Spleen normal; liver normal; peritoneum free, with small greyish spot at point of injection; lungs congested; right lung sinks when thrown in alcohol; no tubercles; no glandular enlargement; histologically, spleen and liver normal; lungs, capillaries, swollen and congested. On examining section of lung unstained in salt solution, we thought we had to do with an undoubted fibrinous pneumonia, as the alveoli were occluded with what apparently was a fibrinous exudate, but when sections were stained and examined, this was found to be due to the enormously swollen epithelium which was swelled out and occluded the alveoli.

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25	Guinea-pig . . .	55 hours.	Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1897. Oct. 2, 4, 6, 12, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 1897.	Oct. 22, 1897.	...	Jan. 5, 1898.	Pig well nourished, and in splendid condition; lungs, liver, spleen, and peritoneum free from disease; histologically, liver and spleen; sections normal.	Not diseased.
26	Bought at same time with the above animals, and kept under same conditions as above, but not inoculated.	...	...	...	...	" 6, "	Pig absolutely healthy; all organs normal.	"
27	Guinea-pig, same as above	...	...	...	...	" 6, "	Pig absolutely healthy; all organs normal.	"
28 & 29	Guinea pigs Born on Dec. 9, of guinea-pig inoculated with sputum, exposed thirty-five hrs.	...	...	...	...	" 7, "	Both pigs in a very fine condition; all organs normal.	"

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

DATES.		OBSERVATIONS AT SIX P. M.						GRAINS MOISTURE, PER CUBIC FOOT.	
		TEMPERATURE.							RELATIVE HUMIDITY.
		Maximum in Past Twelve Hours.	Minimum in Past Twelve Hours.	Dry Thermometer.	Wet Bulb.	Dew Point.			
Sept. 28, 1897	.	86°	49°	79°	58°	40°	25	2849	
" 29, "	.	79°	49°	75°	56°	38°	26	2646	
" 30, "	.	82°	53°	72°	57°	45°	37	3414	
Oct. 2, "	.	81°	48°	74°	54°	34°	23	2279	
" 4, "	.	79°	46°	73°	54°	34°	24	2279	
" 6, "	.	80°	42°	74°	50°	22°	14	1430	
" 12, "	.	78°	34°	71°	50°	25°	17	1611	
" 15, "	.	61°	42°	45°	40°	32°	61	2113	
" 18, "	.	66°	33°	58°	45°	28°	33	1884	
" 20, "	.	71°	40°	63°	46°	23°	20	1488	
" 21, "	.	75°	38°	65°	46°	20°	17	1321	
" 22, "	.	73°	49°	61°	46°	28°	27	1812	