

**PRESENT AGE
DISEASE-FREE
SAYS CUTTER**
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cities in a very short time. Today, the latter are practically unknown in America, and the death rate from diphtheria is from two to four out of every hundred cases.

France failed to build the Panama canal because she did not know how to fight malaria and yellow fever, Dean Cutter said. When the project was started, the most expert engineers in the world were secured and a great amount of money was expended. Inside of one month 20,000 men had died from these two diseases, and neither foreigner nor native would go near the zone.

Louis Pasteur, the French educator and chemist, was responsible for the first impetus in the fight against disease. Up until about 1860 the theory of spontaneous generation, that life could spring from inorganic matter, was generally accepted. To Pasteur the theory was absurd, and with the aid of sterilized and unsterilized beef juices, he proved that the fermentation of the unsterilized juice was caused by bacteria in the air.

The French chemist is also responsible for the principle of vaccination.

Through Pasteur's research the silk industry was saved for France. He is also the originator of the process of keeping milk, known as pasteurization. One of his assistants, a chemist named Roux, discovered the principles of antitoxin.

When the United States sent thousands of troops to Cuba during the Spanish-American war, they had to fight Asiatic cholera as well as the Spanish troops, continued Dean Cutter. Every bit of food and water which was given the American soldiers was filled with the germs of that disease. Because of the close observance of orders to boil all water and cook all food thoroughly, Amer-

ican troops did not contract cholera.

Howard T. Ricketts, a University of Nebraska graduate of 1894, was a martyr to the fight against disease, Dean Cutter said. Going to Mexico City where typhus fever was causing the deaths of many people, Ricketts established a laboratory. He discovered that the typhus germs were carried by a body louse, and did much to combat it. Some years later he contracted the disease and died.

Among other disease fighters, Dean Cutter mentioned Joseph Lister, an Edinburgh surgeon who first used carbolic acid to disinfect wounds and Walter Reed, an American army surgeon who lost his life in finding that mosquitoes carried the yellow fever germs.

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will be taken. Because of the rush to photographers during the pre-Christmas season there will only be ten days before the holidays in which this can be done.

Miss Martin, the editor of this section, is a member of Delta Delta Delta, Silver Serpent, Xi Delta, and freshman commission.

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