

The Luxuries of Common Men.


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Chaulmoogra is a word dropped into the English dietionary
years ago, and then left unnoticed by the hurrying throng. No one years ago, and then left unnoticed by the hurrying throng. No one.
ever expected such a looking word to be treated with distinction.
No one ever expected such a word to act friendly. But now comes No one ever expected such a word to act friendly. But now comes
news from Hawaii, indicating that Chalmoogra is likely to be one
of the most popular words in civilized society, orient.
Chaulmoogra was first the name given by to some quer trees. They were not good for food nor meant Indians
But they bore strange seeds. And long ago, in recorded time, some.
one learned that the heart of these- seeds secreted one learned that the heart of these seeds secreted an cil- shich relieved leprosy. As we would say, the oil was a deadly specific
to destroy the life of the leprosy bacillus. Down the ages leprosy
had eaten its way, multiplying in every land its devouring infection howaten its way, multiplying in every land its devourivg infection.
Down the ages had also come the seeds of "ne Chaulmogra, with
their Chaulmoogra oil. But the knowledge was imperfect, and many
years were passed in idle regret that "leprosy is incurable," years were passed in idle regret that "leprosy is incurable."
Then suddenly the idleness of the years was broken. The
knowledge of the centuries was focused in a single great human achievement. Twenty lepers were paroled as cured the other day
from an Hawaiian leper colony. Their blood had been examined by
analysis and by microscope. Their frames showed sears of the plague's.
ravages, but their blood flowed pure as the blood of children. of the University of Hawaii, has invented a refining process which
brings out the oil from the seed in its pure state, prepared to blight.
the leprosy bacilli out of a body, but to leave the body. The two
great great foes, long isolated though known, have been brought together-
for the common for the common safety of man. Ine result is that an enemy to man
which has doged his steps rom India to the Arctie, has met its first
defeat. It is to be prayerfully desired that the reverse may be continued until leprosy is driven from the earth.
And if this is done, it will be the work of Chaulmoogra. Won-
witul word! Beautiful name of a beautiful work! Word charged with the vitalizing glory of sunshine over tropical forests, with the
power of the irresistible light of noon on the dark festering jungle of
life! Chaulmoogra! Obscure specific, humble tree, known but not
hot honored, how typical it is of other specifies which must exist to cure-
the social and the moral ills of life, but specifics which are not yet
concentrated and made potent to destroy the evils among us. Every
evil, every wrong, has its Chaulmoogra!
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