

What follows is a transcription of a handwritten set of notes by an anonymous individual studying to become an Inspector of Nuisances in London, England circa 1897. Written in pen-and-ink with a few notes and additions in soft pencil, covering both sides of a folded sheet of heavy lined paper, without watermark, measuring 16x13in, they appear to be notes having to do with the control of infectious diseases.

Inasmuch as the peculiarities of handwriting allow, what follows is a complete and accurate transcription, preserving the idiosyncratic spelling, capitalization, and punctuation of the original. Exceptions include pages three and four, which are not reproduced in their original columnar manner, and the substitution of ampersands for a series of squiggles and marks that are, contextually, rather hurried addition signs. Also, an assortment of dots and dashes are here all reproduced as em-dashes. As here, editorial comments are italicized; instances of underlined and struck-thru text are reproduced from the original. Enjoy.

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Write and fill. Effluvia

Section 112. Deals with any person carry on [sic] any noxious or offensive trade

Cholera – chief mode of origin is through contaminated food & water cleanliness.

Tuberculosis – is Heredity [sic] dampness of soil overcrowding meat & milk.

Horse has 18 ribs ox has 13 latter are broader, flatter, and less arched.

Tongue of horse is not pointed ox is

liver of horse 3 lobes & a small one ox is one continuous mass

Good Meat - should not be pale should not smell.

Tuberculous [sic] is tumors which grow on walls of chest & on surface of the lungs may be 1 or Several

Typhoid fever: generally [sic] fat only redness or livid blotches & redness extends beneath fat skin

Measely Pork: worm Oysticercus [sic]. Easily detected on surface of meat.

Measely Beef worm.

Foot & mouth disease are blisters abcesses.

Typhoid fever tumors in mouths of infants drinking the milk. Concavia [sic] in rabbits.

Trichina are minute worms on flesh of swine. Pick out thin slice of meat put under a microscope worm will be seen coiled up in an enclosing capsule or cyst. Caustic potash measles. Scolex [sic] or embryo stage of a parasite develops into tape work egg shaped and size rough seed, surrounded by a circle of hooks. Hydrated cyst – calcareous [sic] degeneration – diluted hydrochloric acid – disinfect rooms a chloride of gas or sulphur in 1000. [sic] & Chloride of lince <tince?>. Corrosive

sublimate. Sulphate of iron.

Water. contain. Chlorine. Oxygen. Amonia [*sic*]. 1 Person Consumes – 14 cubic feet per hour Tobbin [*sic*] ventilator

1854.

Sect 91. Smoke nuisance.

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A recurring order is order made by a magistrat [*sic*] which has been brought before the court – and is likely to be repealed such an order prohibits the recurrence of the nuisance and if disobeyed penalties may be recovered without the delay of reporting to the S.O.

A closing order – the term would be applied to a magistrates order forbidding the occupation of a house as a dwelling. It may be obtained on account of the existance of a nuisance rendering the house unfit for occupation. In the case of two convictions for overcrowding in respect of the same house within the space of three months – action taken.

P.H.A. 4 Street indicates any highway not being a turnpike way and any public bridge not being a county bridge & any lane footway square, court, whether a thoroughfare or not.

House includes schools factories & other buildings.

Drain, means any drain of and used for the drainage of one building only or premises within the same curtilage.

Sewer includes sewer and drains of every description except drain applies <*sic*>.

P.H.A. 36 – W.C. Outhouse – sufficient. Earth Closet.

Factory act, 1848. 3. In clean state and free from effluvia. Not be overcrowded.

P.H.A. 91. 1845. Any place which is a nuisance.

P.H.A. 102 & 103. Power of entry. Hours of 9 to 6.

Section 116. To inspect food. P.H.A. 169. To inspect place for sale of butchers meat. P.H.A. 112. Blood boilers bone boiler fellmonder soap boiler tallow-maker tripe boiler.

114. summary jurisdiction.

Page three is divided into four hand-ruled columns, titled "Disease", "Incubation", "mode of onset", and "character of rash, if any". For ease of typing and presentation, the columnar format is not reproduced here. For unclear reason all diseases were written twice, generally with very slightly differing content. Because of the length of some entries, each "cell" for each entry is here indented for clarity.

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2 day. Skin look red. First seen on chest & back. On the thighs.

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2 day. Skin looks red all over. First seen <on> chest & back.

Small Pox

12 dys. [sic]

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Page four is ruled into four columns as per page three, and is reproduced below in the same fashion, with the first line of each "cell" indented.

Typhus

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