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PURPOSE

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This little book is prepared by the Department of Health and the Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the Charity Organization Society for use in the 8A and 8B Grades of the Elementary Schools and in the High Schools under the Department of Education of New York City.

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TUBERCULOSIS

WHY YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED

There are many reasons why you should be interested in the subject of tuberculosis. You or some of your family or friends may at some time develop the disease. By knowing something about it you can greatly lessen the chance of getting it. If you do get it, you will know what to do in order to get well, and to keep others from getting it from you.

WHAT TUBERCULOSIS IS

Pulmonary tuberculosis is a very common, and frequently a fatal disease of the lungs.

It is caused by the growth and multiplication in the lungs of a very small

germ, called the tubercle bacillus, which is so small it cannot be seen without the use of a very powerful microscope, which magnifies it several TUBERCULOSIS GERMS MAGNIhundred times.



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Twenty-five hundred of these germs placed end to end would not be one inch in length.

These germs may gradually spread through the greater part of one or both lungs, destroying the usefulness of those organs until finally the patient dies of the disease.

The disease is often called consumption, for the reason that during its progress the patient loses weight rapidly, and hence seems to be consumed.

Tuberculosis may infect any other part of the body besides the lungs, such as the bones, joints, intestines, glands, brain, spinal cord, and the skin, but of all forms of inflammation, that of the lungs is most common.

The tubercle bacillus is the only cause of the disease.



CHILDREN CHIEFLY HAVE TUBERCULOSIS OF THE BONES AND JOINTS.