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CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Infantile paralysis, great scourge that has yet to be conquered, but which is taking a beating at the hands of scientists. Austin Hospital, Victoria, is one of the numerous institutions with special wards for the treatment of the disease which mainly attacks young children. Limbs that have been affected are given carefully planned exercises and massage. Children who have lost the use of their arms are taught to do amazing things with their feet. V stands for the vulture of disease and the victory she can and will win over it. Pathos in every pose and looking deeper splendid triumph over a crushing adversity. The respirator or iron lung has proved an invaluable aid in the saving of thousands of tiny lives. A sponge rubber pad is fitted into the child's neck so there are no air pockets. The row of respirators are driven from one source of air power and fed by flexible rubber tubes. The iron lung does artificially what the paralysed chest muscles cannot, and through it all he's game and cheerful. Arthur Cogdale is learning to walk and will shortly leave hospital cured. He has before him the great inspiration of another who triumphed over his misfortunes, the greatest living American - his name is Roosevelt.