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INDIANS AND SELECTIVE SERVICE

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The role of Indians in national defense is outstanding. During the last World War, Indians were not subject to military service, although they registered under the draft law to the extent of 17,513. In 1918 the Commissioner of Indian Affairs reported that more than 6,000 had enlisted in the military services. Similar response in the present emergency is exemplified by Indians of the Fort Peck, Montana, Agency, where almost 50 percent of the number eligible for selective service have already volunteered in the armed forces of the Nation. In Oklahoma, 30 Comanches were selected from many applicants to form a special detachment of the Signal Corps to use the Indian language for code purposes in communication. The Comanche language was chosen because it is little known and difficult to learn.

Material is not available to show the physical condition of Indians during the last World War.

Under the present Selective Service Act, practically 100 percent registration of Indians has been effected without difficulty. The following table shows eligible Indians:

State	Estimated Indian male pop- ulation	21 to 35	State	Estimated Indian male pop- ulation	21 to 35
Total	199, 518	41, 899	Nevada. New Mexico	2, 700 19, 308	567 4, 055
Arizona	26,042	5, 469	New York	3, 516	738
California	11, 780	2, 474	North Carolina	1, 818	382
Colorado	451	97	North Dakota	5, 921	1, 243
Florida	281	59	Oklahoma	51, 600	10, 836
Idaho	2, 112	444	Oregon	2,607	547
10\%8	238	50	South Dakota	14, 638	3, 074
Kansas	1,087	228	Texas	166	35
Louisiana	58	12	Utah	1, 140	239
Michigan	2, 390	502	Washington	6,994	1, 468
Minnesota	8,267	1,736	Wisconsin	6,401	1, 344
Mississippi	1,006	211	Wyoming.	1,207	253
Montana	8,586	1,803	Alaska	16,830	3, 534
Nebraska	2,374	499		,	

 TABLE 1.—Estimated Indian male population under the jurisdiction of the Office of

 Indian Affairs and estimated number 21 to 35 years of age, Jan. 1, 1940, by

 State, including Alaska¹

¹ The male population is estimated as 50.6 percent of the total (394,280) and the age group 21 to 35, **inclu**sive, as 21.0 percent of the male population (199,518). January 2, 1942

A study has been made of reports submitted by a number of unselected Agencies giving data on registrants examined and rejected. A considerably larger number was reported, but, because of various factors, some elimination was necessary. These factors included incomplete reports, failure to give causes for rejection by individuals, and similar reasons. In some instances local boards declined to divulge the information. It is believed that a significant number is shown in table 2. Figures given are for examined men classified as not qualified for general military service (Class IV-F and Class IB) by local boards only. Army induction center rejection figures are not immediately available, although such rejections probably would eliminate an additional 10 percent of the selectees. TABLE 2.—Indians rejected on examination by local boards as not qualified for military service, by Agency, tribe, and cause

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Car- dio- vas- cular	25 1.58	80
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Weight	31 1.96	
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Foot dis- eases	39 2.47	8 8 4 <u>0</u> -1
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Estimate of rejected examinees generally under the Selective Service Law, as given by Britten and Perrott (1), was based on an analysis of examinations of 21,025 men classified as unfit for military service because of physical disability. For comparative purposes their listing of defects is modified to show conditions reported in the 591 Indians. Not all conditions found by them were reported as such among Indians and those conditions have, therefore, been grouped in the "all other" column. It must be emphasized that all figures given are for primary cause of rejection and should not be interpreted as prevalence of disease among the selectees.

 TABLE 3.—Comparative data on percent of causes for rejection by local boards for military duty among Indians and among all examined men

	Indians	United States		Indians	United States
Total	37. 51	32.00	6. Defective teeth 7. Weight	2. 10 1. 96	6. 26 1. 05
Eye diseases Tuberculosis Venereal diseases Venereal diseases Foot diseases	7.86 5.01 4.44 4.25 2.47	3. 62 (¹) 1. 13 1. 83 1. 03	8. Ear-nose-throat 9. Cardio-vascular 10. Genito-urinary 11. Varicose veins 12. All other	1. 90 1. 90 1. 58 0. 57 0. 32 5. 01	1. 66 1. 37 3. 03 0. 62 0. 35 11. 68

1 Listed in "all other."

The number of men in each age group who were examined is not available, so that full conclusions cannot be drawn, but as a matter of interest the distribution of rejections by cause of the 549 whose ages were reported is as follows:

Age	Eyes	Tuber- culosis	Vene- real dis- eases	Nerv- ous and mental dis- cases	Foot dis- eases	Defec- tive teeth	Weight	Ear- nose- throat	Car- dio- vascu- lar	Geni- to-uri- nary	Vari- cose veins	Other	Total
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TABLE 4

Tuberculosis.—Tuberculosis was not specifically given in Britten and Perrott's analysis, whereas it looms large in the figures for Indians, although it probably would not exceed that to be found in similar economic groups among the general population. Also, it is probable that a considerably larger proportion of Indians had X-ray examination of the chest because of availability of facilities and a continuous educational campaign.

Venereal disease.—Occurrence of venereal disease (syphilis and gonorrhea) appears higher than for the general sample. The impression has prevailed that Indians had less venereal disease than the general population, although complete surveys have not been reported. Familiarity of Indian Service examining physicians with governmental records and general procedures and facilities for complete examination may account to some extent for reporting of more venereal disease as primary cause of rejection. It is expected that further studies will clarify many phases of the question of prevalence as well as major rejection causes.

Eye diseases.—Of the 124 men rejected because of eye defects, 58, or 46.7 percent, were reported as having trachoma. This reveals an incidence of trachoma among all examined Indians of 3.6 percent, which is somewhat lower than the estimate of the disease among the general Indian population. Examinations during the past year by special physicians of 70,710 Indians showed 9,260 cases (13 percent). However, they were selected cases and the occurrence therefore was much higher than among the Indian population in general. Elimination of trachomatous individuals from this study of premilitary examinations leaves the number rejected for other eye conditions approximately the same as reported by Britten and Perrott.

Nervous and mental diseases.—Rejections because of nervous and mental diseases show a surprisingly high total, as it has always been the impression of Indian Service officials that mental disease is not so common among Indians. The Service maintains no beds for mental patients in its 97 hospitals. There are only a few more than 200 Indians in various State mental institutions and in St. Elizabeths Hospital, drawn from a population of approximately 300,000. Infrequency of cerebrospinal syphilis has long been known. One possible partial explanation of the high rate of mental disease among registrants is a more thorough examination by Service physicians, and a lack of knowledge and understanding of the Indian personality by non-Service physicians.

Foot diseases.—No explanation can be made relative to the incidence of foot diseases, which appears to be twice that of the general group. It has been suggested that a study of similar low economic groups might show an equally high occurrence.

Defective teeth.—The relatively low incidence of defective teeth as a major cause for rejection among Indians presents an interesting situation. The group examined were not too long out of boarding and day schools, to which dental service is almost entirely limited, so that at least fair condition of the teeth might be expected. Possibly of more importance is the fact that practically all Indians reside west of the Mississippi in areas where water contains fluorine to a higher degree, which has been found to be concomitant with lessened dental caries. Further analysis of general Selective Service figures by States and smaller areas should clarify this possibility.

Attention is again directed to the fact that the above figures are for major causes of rejection and not an indication of prevalence of disease.

Although the numbers of Indians examined and rejected, as shown in this study, are comparatively small, the figures are statistically significant. They well demonstrate the necessity of giving serious consideration to rehabilitation and general physical welfare.

Efforts of the Indian Service Health Division have not, for obvious reasons, been principally directed to the Indian population affected by Selective Service. Health facilities are concerned with complete physical care, including domiciliary, public health, sanitation, and hospitalization of approximately 300,000 individuals. These facilities include the services of approximately 200 full-time and 175 part-time physicians, 800 hospital and public health nurses, and 1,300 other employees, 97 hospitals with about 5,000 beds, and numerous clinics and dispensaries scattered over 25 States and Alaska from Florida to the Arctic Circle.

Because of health education, and through necessity imposed by low economic status, Indians are availing themselves of services to an extent which almost overwhelms the organization. Sixty-four thousand patients were treated in hospitals and over a million out-patient treatments given in 1941. More than 80 percent of Indian babies were delivered by Service physicians. Special physicians are assigned to continuous mass surveys and case-finding in tuberculosis. Specialists also are making tremendous progress in treatment of trachoma since the introduction of sulfanilamide in the treatment of this disease by Loe of the Indian Service. In 70,000 examinations last year, 9,000 cases were found and about two-thirds were placed under treatment. The totally inadequate staff of 18 full-time dentists is unable to furnish more than partial dental care.

Venereal diseases among Indians vary with the proximity to white communities. These, with other defects, are treated as part of the local health program by Agency physicians. Routine general physical examinations, often including serology, and X-ray of the chest, are standard procedure in the Service, with most favorable corrective results in the more easily accessible groups, such as school children and Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees.

Expansion of health work and specific attention to rehabilitation of rejected selectees by the Indian Service is practically impossible with present personnel and funds. If additional funds are not provided it will be necessary for the various States to assume a larger portion of the responsibility or the Indians must be included in any national program.

In many instances the Indian is not recognized as an integral part of the community by local, State, and Federal health and welfare organizations which are not directly aware of the immediate and complex nature of the problems besetting the existence of this racial minority. Until cognizance is taken of conditions actually existing which not only affect the Indians themselves but the surrounding communities as well, progress in the general public health field will continue to be retarded in those areas and States where Indians reside.

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THE CODING AND TABULATION OF MEDICAL AND RE-SEARCH DATA FOR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ¹

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Most of the conventional punch-card methods are applicable to large-scale statistical investigations in which there are relatively few variables and in which there is little need or opportunity to return to the original records after statistical work has begun. In research, on the other hand, it may be necessary to study the interrelationships of a relatively large number of variables in a comparatively small number of cases. Further, it may be advantageous for the investigator to return to his original records frequently whenever statistical analysis opens up new points of view. Moreover, if the intercorrelation of several sets of variables is to be studied it will be necessary to run the cards through the sorting machine or the tabulator many more times than when simple descriptive tables (like census data) are to be set up. A system of coding that may be workable for assembling simple tables may become burdensome or impracticable in setting up correlation tables and frequency distribution.

If the number of cases to be tabulated is small, the time required to build up tables by punch-card methods may be as great as the time required to obtain the same results by hand methods. Sometimes the suggestion is made that if no more than 500 cases are to be studied and if only simple tables are to be set up, it is quite as satisfactory to use hand methods as machine methods. The number of cases is not as important, in this connection, as the number of items that are to be correlated with each other. If a set of data contained 10 or 12 variables, most of which could be correlated with almost

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any one of the other variables, it would probably save time to transfer the data to punch cards even if there were less than a hundred cases.

If most of the data are nonquantitative, the use of perforatedmargin punch cards should be considered.

When the number of case records is small, or when punch-card equipment is not available, it is a good plan to copy pertinent data by hand from the original records on sheets similar to the ones shown in figure 3. These sheets can be arranged, and labelled, so that each sheet or set of sheets contains information about individuals who are similar in certain specified respects. After these sheets have been set up, the data can be counted or averaged, and the counts or averages can be copied directly into tables. The first half of this paper describes the advantages of listing research data in this form and applies both to data listed by hand and to data listed by machine. If punch-card equipment is available it is possible for an investigator to save a good deal of time by using it. What is more important, it may enable him to try out many more statistical procedures and many more systems of classifying his data than he could undertake otherwise.

Installations of punch-card machinery are in use in many health departments and in many educational institutions. Where equipment is not available elsewhere it may be possible to make arrangements with the service bureaus maintained in many cities to do part or all of the operations described here.

The punch-card machinery required for the operations under discussion here are a card punch, sorting machine, and either a numerical or an alphabetic printing tabulator.

For the information of persons who may not be familiar with punch-card equipment, a card punch has 12 keys, numbered 0 to 9 and 11 and 12. The 11-key is usually referred to as "X" and the 12-key is variously called "V", "Y", or "B". Each key, when depressed, actuates mechanism which punches a hole in 1 of 12 positions in a numbered column of a special card. Each column is used for a specified kind of information.

A sorting machine draws cards, one at a time, from the bottom of a stack, reads the information in a single, designated column, and drops each card into 1 of 12 boxes according to the number punched in that column. Simultaneously, the number of cards dropped into each box is counted on numbered dials.

Tabulators will print all, or any selected part, of the information on a punch card on a sheet of paper. The portions of sheets shown in figure 3 were prepared in this way. Tabulating machines may also be made to carry out other operations: (a) Numerical information may be summed and the totals printed. (b) The tabulator may be made to count, for instance, only cards punched 2, 4, or 7 in a certain column, and to disregard all others. (c) The information coded in column 12, for instance, may be made to control the operations the tabulator will carry out on information punched in columns 39 and 40, for example. (d) A number punched in columns 69 and 70, for instance, may be multiplied by itself automatically by appropriate wiring of a printing tabulator and the square

added to the sum of squares of other numbers punched in the same two-column This forms the basis of an easy and rapid method of calculating standard field. deviations and other statistical measures. (e) Similarly, a number punched in columns 69 and 70 may be multiplied by a number punched in columns 11 and 12, for example, and the product added into counters set aside for the purpose. This greatly facilitates the calculation of correlation coefficients. The basic principle underlying these two operations is tersely explained in technical publications (8,9) whose wording may not suggest their usefulness unless special attention is called to them. (f) When the data describing one individual are so extensive that they cannot be gotten on a single card in simple code they may be continued on a second punch card. Data in columns 8 and 9 in the first card may be correlated with data punched in columns 25 and 26 of the second card. Certain elements of this operation have been described in a technical publication (13) which, however, fails to indicate how greatly this procedure increases the value of the punch card method and permits the use of simple codes instead of complicated codes. The last three methods have been extended, improved, and tested in actual use by Dr. E. C. Hammond, of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, who plans to publish a description of them shortly.

The methods described in this paper were developed during the course of analysis of medical data obtained during field studies carried out by the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the National Institute of Health. These include epidemiological studies of workers exposed to dust (3, 4, 6), mercury (11, 12), lead (5), lead arsenate (10), and fatigue (7). In each of these field studies the clinical and laboratory, findings of 500 to 2,500 workers were correlated with each other and with measurements of the intensity and duration of exposure to the condition under study.

EXAMPLE OF CODING AND TABULATING METHODS

The simplest way to describe the coding and tabulating methods under discussion here is to present a series of exhibits through which the records of a single individual can be traced. The data of figures 1 and 2 and of table 1 have been drawn from a recent study of mercurialism in the felt-hat industry (11). Figure 1 consists of excerpts from a record form filled out by an examining physician in a field office. The estimate of average atmospheric mercury exposure, in this instance 2.7 milligrams of mercury per 10 cubic meters of air, and a code number designating the man's occupation (05 in the example) were filled in by the engineer who studied working conditions. These numbers were written in above the occupational history. Before planning the punch-card procedure several simple systems of tabulations were carried out by hand on a sample of the records to select the clinical and laboratory findings that could be usefully tabulated in more than one type of table. Copies of a combined code sheet and transcription sheet for the card punch operator bearing these items were prepared and the records of each man were transferred to a

separate sheet, shown in figure 2. Entries on the history form may be traced on the transcription sheet.

It is desirable from every point of view, in the statistical treatment of research data, for the person who is to interpret the data to do the

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FIGURE 1.—Portions of the history of a case of mercurialism. Pertinent information has been transferred, in numerical code, to the transcription sheet shown in figure 2. This case also appears in the lower part of figure 3.

coding also. Experience has shown that transcription sheets of the kind shown in figure 2 so facilitate the coding process that one of the physicians who made the field medical examinations can code all of the medical data in a relatively short time. This procedure has been

followed in all of the recent field studies of this Division. A clerk can copy other data. In this form it is easy to verify the correctness of coding at any time.

It is best to arrange the transcription sheet so that the code numbers are lined up. In this way the card punch operator does not need to look from side to side for the numbers he punches in the card.

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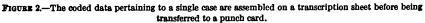


Table 1 is one of a long series of tables in which diagnosis and the separate clinical and laboratory findings were tabulated in relation to duration and intensity of atmospheric mercury exposure. It represents a classification of the population of hatters into 12 sub-

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FIGURE 3.—One listed sheet (listing continued on following pages if necessary) was prepared on a printing tabulator for each of the 12 subdivisions of table 1. Portions of four sheets are shown. Each sheet was labelled to show the subdivision of the data it represented. All entries represent fictitious cases.

vailing in their place of work and on the basis of the number of years they had been so exposed.

TABLE 1.—Number and pe	ercent of first-, second-,	and third-stage mercurialism cases
among hatters, classified	by duration and intens	ity of mercury exposure

Milligrams of mercury per 10 cubic meters of air	· which is a standard	Years of mercury exposure					
	Within each exposure group	0-9	10-19	20 and over			
0-0.7	Number affected	0	0	0			
	Number exposed	36	10	20			
	Percent affected	9	Ø	9			
0.8–1.5	Number affected	1	2	2			
	Number exposed	76	31	20			
	Percent affected	1.3	6.5	10.0			
1.6-2.3	Number affected	3	14	18			
	Number exposed	80	80	77			
	Percent affected	8. 8	17.5	23. 4			
2.4 and over	Number affected	2	4	13			
	Number exposed	30	27	24			
	Percent affected	6, 7	14.8	54, 2			

SELECTIVE LISTING

To provide the materials for this series of tables, the punch cards were sorted into the requisite 12 subgroups and each subgroup was run through a printing tabulator wired to list the coded data as in figure 3. Figure 3 shows portions of 4 of the 12 sheets, or sets of sheets, required to assemble the data of table 1 and similar tables.

The printing tabulator can be wired so that data for several different kinds of tables can be assembled simultaneously. Several of its functions are illustrated by totals and by summary figures printed at the foot of the last tabulator sheet presented in figure 3.

The usefulness of listings of this kind is greatly increased if the cards are first put in order with respect to one of the variables being Thus, in the data under discussion, the cards were first sorted listed. so that the records of men employed 20 years came at the head of the list, followed by the records of men employed 21 years, and so on. Men with the longest periods of employment were listed at the end of the subgroup. This permits two additional operations. If one suspects that a finer classification by duration of exposure would display the data to better advantage, for instance, segregating the men emploved 20 to 29 years, inclusive, from the men employed 30 years or more, it is a simple matter to pick out and summarize the records that belong in the new subgroups. Second, if one wants to set up a frequency distribution for a variable, listed data permit one to experiment with fine or with coarse class intervals. When a sorting machine is used to obtain frequency distributions, division of the range of variation into class intervals is often a highly arbitrary matter. Unsatisfactory class intervals, particularly too coarse a grouping, may throw means and standard deviations into error.

It is convenient to list coded data on mimeographed sheets with properly spaced columnar headings. Sheets of listed data can be handled and filed conveniently if all the sheets for a particular pattern of table are stapled together along a binding margin at the left to form a book.

In the hatting study, four such books corresponding to as many patterns of table were made up. One is shown, in part, in figure 3. A second was set up on the same pattern except that the records were classified in terms of the atmospheric mercury concentration that prevailed at the time of the study instead of by a weighted average mercury concentration. A third book classified hatters by age and by diagnosis of mercurialism, and a fourth classified them by occupation and by duration of employment.

ADVANTAGES GAINED BY LISTING CODED DATA ON TABULATOR SHEETS

1. The most obvious advantage gained by building up tables from listed data is that the accuracy of coding and classification may be verified at any time. To illustrate, if the data of table 1 had been assembled by means of a sorting machine, the information about the incidence of mercurialism among hatters exposed for more than 20 years to mercury concentrations in excess of 2.4 milligrams Hg per 10 cubic meters of air, for example, would be limited to the two items that could be read from the dials of the sorting machine, namely, that there were 13 mercurialism cases among the 24 men thus exposed. The listing procedure, on the other hand, would show *which* 24 men were thus classified. One could read the printed entries and find out whether or not they had been properly classified. By reading each sheet, in turn, one can locate the records of persons accidentally thrown into other subgroups. Further, the case number listing makes it easy, if desirable, to look up the original records of any or all of the individual subjects and verify the coding and make a more detailed study of certain subjects.

2. Each line of listed data may be read as an abbreviated case history. In certain respects, comparisons between cases can be made more readily when they are assembled in this form than in the original written record because the irrelevant findings have been winnowed out, and the records of individual subjects are systematically arranged on a single sheet. The system of coding represented in figures 1 and 2 is easy to memorize. Basically, it rests on three principles: (a) If a condition can be either present or absent, its presence is designated by "1," its absence by zero. (If desired, one can wire the printing tabulator so that zeros will not print at all.) (b) If a condition like pallor or albuminuria is present to a slight, moderate, or severe degree, these gradations may be coded as 1, 2, and 3. During field medical examinations, physicians have found it convenient to record their findings in this system of notation by encircling a 1, 2, or 3, as the case may be, on the medical record form opposite the name of each condition they investigate, in effect, coding their findings as they record them. Britten (1) has pointed out the importance of systematizing the original entries. (c) Insofar as possible, the most familiar quantitative findings, such as blood pressures and erythrocyte count, have been recorded in the units in which they were measured. This is not strictly necessary, however, and further discussion of this point appears later in this paper.

There may be instances in which one might prefer to have the occurrence of insomnia indicated by the abbreviation INS instead of the symbol "1" in a certain column. The alphabetic printing tabulator can be wired so that it will print 2- or 3-letter alphabetic abbreviations for data coded in the way that the past medical history and special symptoms are coded in figure 2. Hammond and Edwards (9) have prepared an account of this method for publication.

3. It is desirable to have all of the clinical and laboratory data that appertain to an individual available at the time the cards are punched. In practice, this is not always possible. Three alternative methods of meeting this situation may be noted. (a) One may leave enough blank columns at the right end of the card to accommodate the additional data, and punch them in when they become available. It is desirable to leave a few blank columns at the right for other reasons. (b) One may prepare a second punch card for each individual. This was necessary in the hatting study. Each punch card carried the date to be used as independent variables (referred to as census data) at the left of the card. Thus, every dependent variable on either card could be classified into a table like table 1 or into any other form in which cards were sorted on the basis of data entered in columns 1 to 15, inclusive. Items punched in one card can, of course, be correlated with items punched on a second card. (c) If neither of these courses is practicable, one may draw up skeleton tables for the data to be available later, and, with a printing tabulator, list the cases that would be thrown into each subgroup of the skeleton table. Preferably, the cases should be listed in serial order by case number. Opposite the case number, one may copy the new data that appertain to that case. This system was necessary in a study of the effects of lead arsenate on man (10) because additional sets of chemical analyses of blood and urine samples became available at different times. Of the 55 tables in that publication in which clinical or laboratory findings were presented, 20 were built up from one book of tabulator sheets.

4. The punch-card method is most directly adaptable to data that can be expressed in numerical form or to observations that can be classified without difficulty into distinct categories, each of which can be designated by a code number. Not all medical and scientific observations can be thus classified, without loss of significance. It is often desirable to retain qualifying words that appear on the written record or to retain explanations that would modify the interpretation placed on a punch-card entry. Tabulator sheets, on the plan of the ones in figure 3, make this possible. The printed punch-card entries can be supplemented by verbal entries of any kind that may be pertinent. When text is being written for publication, enough information will be at hand to permit an accurate appraisal of the meaning of the formal table.

5. On occasion, two or more persons, collaborators or consultants, may wish to work with the same data simultaneously, in widely separated places. If people who are to work independently draw up skeleton tables corresponding to the lines of study they intend to carry out, a central statistical laboratory or one of the service bureaus maintained by the firms that install punch-card equipment can pre-

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pare tabulator sheets which will provide all the data each person needs.

6. There is a limit, of course, to the amount of verbal entries that can and should be written on sheets of listed data. In certain types of investigation it is desirable for the person who writes text for publication to return to the original written record frequently, instead of relying implicitly on the inferences he can draw from formal tables. Tabulator sheets, such as those of figure 3, can be used as an index to the file of original records. For instance, one may wish to look up the record of a case of mercurialism that occurred in an unusually low exposure group. Or, in describing the symptomatology of mercurialism, one may need to consult all the histories of the secondand third-stage cases of mercurialism. Or, one may wish to find out whether or not there is some connection between the excretion of mercury in the urine and the presence of albumin in the urine. In each instance, by working from the listed data one may quickly assemble the records needed to answer the question under study.

7. Data listed in this form can be used to set up efficient systems of sampling. For example, if one wished to study the mercury content of blood samples in relation to the variables defined in table 1, and if the methods of analysis were known to be difficult and timeconsuming, it might be desirable to find a means by which enough analyses could be obtained to establish reliable trends without overloading the analyst. Reference to the number of hatters classified in each of the subgroups of table 1 will show that 1 of the 12 subgroups contains as few as 10 men and 4 others contain about 80 men. To form such a table of average values for the mercury content of blood, one ought to have analyses on the blood of all of the 10 men, but one could draw a sample from the largest groups. Choice of an appropriate sampling procedure is necessarily governed by the nature of the data.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CODING DATA

The following suggestions for coding have been found to expedite the use of a printing tabulator for listing, for controlling the various functions of the tabulator, and for obtaining the values needed for means, standard deviations, and correlation coefficients by methods described elsewhere.

1. Always punch the case number in the card (a) to assist in verifying the accuracy of the punched data, (b) to be able to trace an anomalous or noteworthy record back to its source, and (c) to make it possible to put data for the same individual on two or more punch cards without interfering with intercorrelation of data punched on separate cards.

2. Always set aside fields of the card in which an X (the eleventh position in the column) will never be punched. If possible, leave a

few columns blank at the right end of the card. This makes it possible to punch in an X at a later time which will be a signal to the tabulating machine to control one of its various functions.

 \cdot 3. Insofar as possible, in other fields use the 11th (X) and 12th (V) positions sparingly. On many tabulators these positions do not have a separate symbol and they may be printed as a zero.

4. Always provide a place in the code for "no information available."

5. It is desirable to avoid double-punching. It is preferable to use a separate column for each item, even for findings that are recorded only as present or absent. Double-punching and combination codes are often used, but all too frequently the apparent advantage gained by saving space on the card is lost in the resulting waste of time in the tabulating room and in the increased likelihood of error. If duplicate cards are prepared, one of the two punches in a column may be lost. If two numerical code numbers are put in the same column, listing is made more complicated. It is more satisfactory to use two cards to carry the record of an individual in simple coding than to attempt to compress the records on one card by use of a complicated code.

6. Data entered on the original record forms in numbers (e. g., age, weight, concentration values, blood pressures) may be used for more than one purpose when they are transferred to punch cards, and a coding procedure that may facilitate one operation may interfere with another. For instance, if records of age are to be printed on a tabulator sheet to be available in studying the rest of the case record, it is desirable to have the record of a 67-year-old man printed with 67 in the age column. On the other hand, if tables showing the incidence of cancer or tuberculosis by 5-year age groups are to be built up it would be more convenient to designate his age group (65-69) by a single code number.

Consideration should be given to the possibility of entering numerical data in two ways—in the units of measurement and coded for convenient use of machine methods.

In the following discussion, the principles that apply to the coding of numerical data have been classified by the use to which they are put. They are illustrated, in part, by reference to the problems that arise in coding blood pressure values.

When means and standard deviations are to be calculated the first step in preparing a code is to know the range over which the values are distributed. This range should be subdivided into 20 to 30 equal class intervals, and 2 columns should be utilized. If the data are classified into as few as 10 or 12 class intervals, for instance, systematic errors enter into the calculation of average values and standard deviations. In the interests of accuracy, one should avoid, as far as possible, defining the lowest class interval as "under 80" and the highest class interval as "over 280," for example.

When punched data are to be used to control the tabulation of data entered in other columns (the principle involved in many labor-saving machine methods described elsewhere), it is desirable to code in such a way that only one column will be needed for control. To illustrate, if the data of table 1 were to be assembled on a printing tabulator more efficiently than they can be assembled with a sorting machine, the tabulator might be wired so that whenever "08" or "06", for example, appeared in the columns for "years of mercury exposure," the zero in the tens place would be the signal to the tabulating machine to add certain items on that card into counters set aside for the records of persons employed less than 10 years. Further, if "12" or "18" appeared in the column for years of mercury exposure, the one in the tens place would be the signal for the tabulator to add certain items on that card into counters set aside for the records of persons employed 10 to 19 years. Finally, if "28", "34", or "42" appeared in the columns used for control, the two, three, or four in the tens place would be the signal for the tabulator to add certain items into a third set of counters reserved for men employed more than 20 years. One digit selector is used to discriminate the cards punched zero from the cards punched one and from the cards punched two. three, or four.

To continue with the same illustration, the code of atmospheric mercury exposure should be so arranged that the second of the two digit selectors could be used to classify the data with respect to intensity of exposure at the same time that the first digit selector is classifying them by duration of exposure. The atmospheric concentration code defined in figure 2 is not a satisfactory means of obtaining the intervals 0-0.7, 0.8-1.5, 1.6-2.3, and so on, because two digit selectors would be needed for that one function. If machine methods were to be applied on a large scale to data coded in this way. a supplementary code for intensity of exposure should be punched into one of the columns at the right end of the card, column 80, for instance, left blank for such a purpose. This supplementary code could be so defined that persons exposed to less than 0.7 milligrams Hg per 10 cubic meters of air would be coded zero in column 80; persons exposed to 0.8 to 1.5 milligrams Hg per 10 cubic meters of air would be coded one in column 80, and so on.

A discussion of problems that arise in coding blood pressure values exemplifies some of the principles just referred to and serves to introduce others. Three characteristics of these data should be mentioned. The systolic blood pressures of employed men and women examined by Public Health Service physicians in the course of field studies of industrial health hazards range from 80 to 280 millimeters Hg. Most

of the values fall within the range 100 to 150 millimeters Hg. Usually the manometer scale is read to the nearest zero or the nearest five. The obvious procedure would be to code the systolic pressure directly; when printed on a tabulator sheet, physicians would find blood pressure expressed in the units in which they measure and discuss this finding. However, the blood pressure is not known to three-place accuracy, and there may not be enough space on the card to set aside three columns for this one finding. An alternative is no more satisfactory, namely, dropping the last place and coding a pressure of 80 as "08" and a pressure of 280 as "28". There are two objections to this procedure: First, most of the systolic blood pressure values would be coded 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14, and trustworthy means and standard deviations could not be calculated. Second, if the standard methods for calculating means from grouped data are applied (assuming, for example, that the midpoint of the interval 120-130 lies at 125), the means are higher than if calculations had been made from ungrouped data. As Britten and Thompson (2) pointed out, it is necessary to assume that the midpoint falls at 3 instead of 5. This, of course, is a consequence of reading the scale to the nearest zero or the nearest five, a complication that may enter into any set of measurements. A third procedure, also found to be unsatisfactory in practice, would be to convert the three-figure readings into a two-column code by dropping the number in the hundreds place. This would result in coding 128 as "28" and it would also result in coding 228 as "28". It is generally more satisfactory, from the standpoint of accuracy, to set up a code in which the interval 78-82 will be designated as 01, 83-87 as 02, 88-92 as 03, and so on. If no record is available, this may be indicated by punching XX.

SUMMARY

This paper describes methods of tabulating data which have been developed during the course of analysis of sets of data in which the influence of relatively large numbers of variables had to be traccd in comparatively small numbers of cases. These methods have been used when data were assembled by hand, without special equipment. When punch-card equipment (card punch, sorting machine, and printing tabulator) is available, its use will often save time and permit an investigator to put more hypotheses to test with his data than would be possible if he used slower methods.

In instances where it is hard to decide whether or not time will be saved by transferring data to punch cards it is suggested that the number of variables to be intercorrelated is more important than the number of case records under study.

Suggestions for coding are presented which have been found to facilitate the subsequent use of a printing tabulator for (1) listing classified data so that they can be read as individual case histories, (2) obtaining sums of quantitative data and counts of nonquantitative data, (3) controlling the operation of the tabulator so that the coding of one part of the punch card will determine the operation the machine will carry out on data punched in another part of the card, and (4) for using the tabulator to compute sums of products and sums of squares.

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[From the Weekly Mortality Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce]

	Week ended Dec. 20, 1941	Correspond- ing week, 1940
Data from 88 large cities of the United States: Total deaths. Average for 3 prior years. Total deaths. first 51 weeks of year. Deaths under 1 year of age. Average for 3 prior years. Deaths under 1 year of age. Deaths under 1 year of age, first 51 weeks of year. Deaths under 1 year of age, first 51 weeks of year. Deaths under 1 year of age, first 51 weeks of year. Deaths under 1 year of age, first 51 weeks of year. Death form industrial insurance companies: Policies in force. Number of death claims. Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate. Death claims per 1,000 policies, first 51 weeks of year, annual rate.	8, 728 8, 589 426, 488 11. 7 525 485 27, 065 64, 742, 923 12, 503 12, 503 10. 1 9. 3	8, 697 427, 313 11. 7 518 25, 746 64, 781, 253 11, 617 9. 4 9. 6

PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring

UNITED STATES

REPORTS FROM STATES FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 27, 1941

Summary

General health conditions, as indicated by the reports of the nine important communicable diseases presented in the following table, remain favorable.

There was a further slight decrease in the number of cases of influenza; 2,604 cases were reported as compared with 2,693 during the preceding week. During the corresponding week last year 45,475 cases were reported. Texas (1,254 cases), Virginia (260), South Carolina (203), Arizona (157), and Oklahoma (120) reported the largest numbers of cases.

The incidence of poliomyelitis continued to decline. Thirty-nine cases were reported during the current week, as compared with 55 during the preceding week. New York, with 6 cases, and Pennsylvania and Minnesota, with 4 cases each, were the only States reporting more than 2 cases.

Of 49 cases of typhus fever, 30 were reported in Georgia. Seven cases of tularemia were reported in Illinois, 2 in Michigan, and 1 case each in Maryland, North Carolina, and Mississippi.

The crude death rate in 88 large cities for the current week was 11.5 as compared with 12.2 for the preceding week. The cumulative rate to date this year is 11.6 as compared with 11.7 for the same period last year.

Telegraphic morbidity reports from State health officers for the week ended December 27, 1941, and comparison with corresponding week of 1940 and 5-year median

In these tables a zero indicates a definite report, while leaders imply that, although none were reported, cases may have occurred.

Division and State		ek		Influenza			Week			men	ccus	
1		Week ended—			eek ed—	Me-		eek ed—	Me-	We end	æk ed—	Mo-
NEW ENG.	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian 1936- 40	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian 1936– 40	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian 1936 40	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian 1936 40
Maine New Hampshire Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	0 0 0 1 2 0	0 0 1 0 1	8 0 3 0 1	 1	24 1	6 4	192 4 118 26 76	0 44 223 1	2 24 191 1	0 2 0 8 0 2	0 0 0 1 0 1	0 0 1 0 1
MID. ATL. New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	11 12 15	20 9 13	26 15 25	1 10 17	¹ 32 6	1 17 16 	344 38 533	405	319 119 60	5 8 1	2 0 1	5 0 2
E. NO. CEN. Ohlo Indiana Michigan ³ Wisconsin	7 10 24 4 0	10 12 33 5 1	25 18 36 17 3	14 37 6 	55 229 24 6 44	35 35 24 3 44	47 25 36 38 172	734 795	25 8 22 172 223	0 0 2 2	2 0 0 1	4 0 2 1 0
W. NO. CEN. Minnesota Iowa Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas SO. ATL.	2 2 10 1 8 0 3	0 0 1 2 2 0 6	1 5 14 2 2 0 8	1 5 17 10	201 16 43 1, 607	10 29 12 1 	107 75 27 133 0 4 117	3 114 11 16 1 10 88	8 56 3 1 3 53	0 0 0 0 1	0 1 1 1 0 0	0 1 0 0 0
So. All. Delaware Maryland ³ Dist. of Col Virginia West Virginia North Carolina ³ Georgia ³ Florida	0 9 0 32 6 14 12 14 9	0 2 1 32 6 13 5 10 8	0 6 2 32 12 35 6 10 8	5 260 17 1 203 13 16	7 6 558 15 6 440 636 38	14 5 175 19 14 347 124 3	0 133 0 103 92 212 45 66 2	9 5	2 11 38 20 136 15 7 2	0 1 3 0 0 1 0 0	0 2 0 1 2 1 0 0 0	0 2 0 1 2 1 0 2
E. SO. CEN. Kentucky Tennessee ³ Alabama ³ Mississippi	4 11 12 8	5 4 13 5	13 10 19 11	1 61 59	1, 089 289 332	22 45 332	32 73 5	135 55 32	17 55 32	0 0 3 0	8 0 3 0	4 1 3 1
W. SO. CEN. Arkansas Louisiana ³ Oklahoma Texas ³	11 8 16 51	7 1 14 40	15 13 14 40	98 120 1, 254	4, 260 6, 101 1, 848 7, 307	192 10 123 444	26 3 113 296	304 2 4 46	44 2 4 67	0 2 0 2	0 1 0 3	0 1 2 2
MOUNTAIN Montana	0 1 5 0 3 0 0	2 0 1 1 2 0	1 0 6 1 2 1	6 10 69 157 27	388 18 548 805 56 1, 735 5, 048 968	35 5 41 6 102 8 	41 4 3 59 6 62 48 0	3 2 1 70 28 80 2	3 25 1 22 22 4 16	0 0 1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
PACIFIC Washington Oregon California ³	1 3 14	6 3 10	8 1 39	1 17 60	1, 686 1, 877 7, 126	 40 38	17 84 546	17 13 38	17 15 48	0 0 2	0 0 2	0 0 2
Total	351	302	568	2,604	45, 475	2, 107	4, 189	6, 378	4, 781 302, 242	37	29	43 2, 824

See footnotes at end of table.

Telegraphic morbidity reports from State health officers for the week ended December 27, 1941, and comparison with corresponding week of 1940 and 5-year median-Con.

	Po	liomye	litis	80	ærlet fe	ver		Smallpo	x	Typh tyj	oid an phoid f	d para- ever
Division and State	wend	eek ed	Me-	W end	eek ed	Me-	W end	eek ed	Me-	wend	eek ed—	Me-
	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian, 1936– 4 0	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian, 1936– 40	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian, 1936– 40	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940	dian, 1936- 40
NEW ENG.										·		·
Maine New Hampshire Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	1 0 0 0 1	Ó	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	11 9 1 196 9 17	4 2 8 144 4 24	19 4 8 144 5 49	. 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 3	0 1 0 0	001100
MID. ATL. New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	6 2 4	2 1 0	1 0 0	299 95 180	252 147 180	371 114 217	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	13 1 6	1	6 3 7
E. NO. CEN. Ohio Indiana Illinois Michigan ² Wisconsin	2 0 2 0 0	8 3 3 2 5	0 0 3 1 0	225 122 182 160 112	190 125 326 194 124	328 128 326 301 170	0 1 1 0 0	0 2 11 4 13	2 5 5 7	7 0 5 0	1 2 1 2 0	4 1 1 6 0
W. NO. CEN. Minnesota Iowa. Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska. Kansas.	4 0 0 1 1 1	1 2 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 0	58 45 78 5 37 24 62	45 70 34 13 12 6 65	104 102 91 18 23 21 148	5 0 1 0 1	25 1 0 0 0 0	25 12 9 0 4 1 0	0 1 0 0 0 0	0 1 1 0 0 0	1 3 0 0 1
SO. ATL. Delaware Maryland ³ Dist. of Col Virginia West Virginia North Carolina ³ Georgia ³ Florida	0 0 2 0 1 0 0	0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	26 53 13 49 57 26 7 13 10	3 35 16 62 51 50 10 29 5	8 35 12 39 51 44 8 20 10	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 3 1 8 2 0 0 2 1	0 4 0 4 1 3 0 2 2	0 4 1 5 1 3 0 5 2
E. SO. CEN. Kentucky Tennessee ³ Alabama ³ Mississippi	2 2 0 1	0 0 2 0	1 0 1 1	48 70 37 6	53 75 20 11	58 38 20 10	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	2 1 1 0	4 5 6 0	2 2 6 0
W. SO. CEN, Arkansas. Louisiana ³ Oklahoma. Texas ³	0 0 0 2	0 0 1 2	1 0 1 2	6 8 25 57	8 1 15 69	17 12 36 75	1 0 1 4	0 0 1 1	5 0 3 3	0 9 1 4	0 5 1 6	2 4 2 9
MOUNTAIN Montana	0 0 1 0 2 0	0 0 1 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 0 0	23 8 4 16 5 9 13 0	9 8 0 26 5 7 1	16 13 6 26 15 8 8	0 0 0 0 1 0	1 1 0 1 0 0 0	5 .3 0 1 0 0 0	2 0 0 1 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 2 0	0 0 1 4 2 0
PACIFIC Washington Oregon California ³	1 0 1	0 1 2	0 0 3	26 6 103	24 6 71	48 27 133	1 0 0	0 0 0	4 5 8	0 0 3	1 0 8	0 0 8
Total	39	36	27	2,651	2, 639 55, 064 1	3, 552	17	61 2, 462	152 9, 574	80 8, 513	80 9, 585 1	106

See footnotes at end of table.

	Whoopi	ng cough		Whoopi	ng cough
Division and State	Week	ended—	. Division and State	Week	ended—
	Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940		Dec. 27, 1941	Dec. 28, 1940
NEW ENG.			80. ATL.—continued		
Maine New Hampshire Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	11 17 125 26	23 0 6 233 5 35	South Carolina ² Georgia ³ Florida E. SO. CEN.	11 1 11	39 16 1
MID. ATL.			Kentucky Tennessee ³ Alabama ³	32	45 24 21
New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	392 146 139	828 85 873	Mississippi W. SO. CEN.		
E. NO. CEN. Ohio Indiana. Illinois. Michigan ³ . Wisconsin.	161 43 177 163 258	253 23 120 292 110	Arkansas Louisiana ^a Oklahoma Texas ^a MOUNTAIN Montana	1 3 74 8	15 3 12 160
W. NO. CEN. Minnesota Iowa Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas	30 13 19 2 1 2 40	88 61 7 18 2 13 53	Idaho	14 23	11 1 19 12 14 16
80. ATL. Delaware Maryland ³ Dist. of Col Virginia West Virginia	36 10	7 65 17 113 35	Washington. Oregon. California ^a Total	55 6 147 2, 530	27 6 128 2, 967
North Carolina 8	100	79	2 weeks	208, 460	170, 911

Telegraphic morbidity repo	rts from State heal	th officers for the	e week ended December 27,	
1941, and com	parison with corres	ponding week o	f 1940—Con.	

¹ New York City only.
 ² Period ended earlier than Saturday.
 ³ Typhus fever, week ended Dec. 27, 1941, 49 cases, as follows: North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 4; Georgia, 30; Tennessee, 2; Alabama, 4; Louisiana, 2; Texas, 4; California, 2.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

City reports for week ended Dec. 13, 1941

This table lists the reports from 128 cities of more than 10,000 population distributed throughout the United States, and represents a cross section of the current urban incidence of the diseases included in the table.

	Diph-	Inf	luenza	Mea-	Pneu- monia	Scar- let	Small-	Tuber-	Ty- phoid	Whoop-	Deaths, all
State and city	theria cases	Cases	Deaths	Cases	deaths	fever cases	pox cases	deaths	fever cases	cough cases	Causes
Maine: Portland	0		0	2	2	10	0	1	0	4	21
New Hampshire:											Ι.
Concord Manchester	0		0	0	0	1 14		0	0	0	8 15
Nashua	ŏ		ŏ	3	ō	4	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ) Š	4
Vermont: Burlington	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Rutland	ŏ		ŏ	ŏ	i i	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	4
Massachusetts:	2		1	14	10	59	0	8	1	50	183
Boston Fall River	. 3		Ō	1	1	39	Ŏ	1	Õ	8	37
Worcester	0		0	3	4	23	0	8	0	17	47
Rhode Island: Pawtucket	0		0	11	0	3	0	0	0	4	12
Providence	4		Ó	6	i	5	0	0	0	26	49
Connecticut: Bridgeport	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	35
Hartford	Ó		0	2	4	0	0	1	Ó	1	50
New Haven	0		0	17	0	0	0	0	0	4	34
New York:				-							
Buffalo New York	0 12	8	0	3 14	.6 58	13 126	0	2 65	02	0 307	123 1.354
Rochester	0		Ō	1	Ö	8	Ó	2	0	- 8	67
Syracuse New Jersey:	0		0	1	4	2	0	0	0	30	65
Camden	0		0	0	0	2	Q	0	1	14	34
Newark	0	10	0	4	3 2	16 12	0	5	0	36 5	91 34
Pennsylvania:	-				-						
Philadelphia	0	4	2 1	5 2	22 13	66	0	18 7	0	83 13	482 178
Pittsburgh Reading	1 0	°	i	ĩ	13	9	ŏ	il	ŏ	10	27
Scranton	Ó			1 7		2	0		0	0	
Ohio:				1							
Cincinnati	0		0	0	.0	18	0	13 9	0	13 31	121
Cleveland	2	16 1	0	0 1	17 4	48 10	ŏ	ŏ	ĭ	6	205 79
Toledo	ŏ		ō	ī	3	ī	Ŏ	2	Ō	13	82
Indiana: Anderson	1		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Fort Wayne	0		Ó	1	2	2	Ó	0	2	0	28
Indianapolis Muncie	1		- O	4	10 0	20 0	0	1	ő	1	102 9
South Bend	0		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	11
Terre Haute Illinois:	0		0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	15
Chicago	34	5	0	10	22	78	0	28	2	133	662
Elgin	<u>0</u>		0	0	2	1	0	0	0	62	9 12
Moline Springfield	0		ŏ	0	ŏ	4	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ő	17
Michigan:							0	6	0	68	253
Detroit Flint.	4		8	16 0	6	61 0	ŏ	2	ŏ	0	203
Grand Rapids	ŏ		ŏ	3	ō	Ž	ŏ	ō	ŏ	10	26
Wisconsin: Kenosha	0		0	0	0	2	0	.0	0	0	8
Madison	Ó		Ó	1	Ó	2	Ó	0	0	2	5
Milwaukee	8		8	6	0	26 2	0	2	8	122 24	103 7
Superior	ŏ		ŏ	ŏ	i	ő	ŏ	ĭ	ŏ	õ	i
Minnesota:											
Duluth	0		0	2	0	2	0	0	o	1	27
Minneapolis	1		8	1 26	8	23	0	8	0	6 11	99 73
St. Paul Iowa:			۳		-	4		•	1	1	10
Cedar Rapids.	0	-		2		9	0		0	0	
Davenport Des Moines	ŏ		0	8	2	1	0	1	0	3	27
Sioux City	Ő.			1		1	0		0	0	
Waterloo	0 1	!-	·····'	01		Τ.	01.		0	1 .	

City	reports	fo r	week	ended	Dec.	13,	1941-	-Continued
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City reports for week enaed Dec. 15, 1941—Continued											
State and city	Diph- theria cases		uenza	Mea- sles cases	Pneu- monia deaths	Scar- let fever	Small- pox cases	Tuber- culosis deaths	Ty- phoid fever	Whoop- ing cough	Deaths, all causes
	unit	Cases	Deaths			cases			cases	cases	
Missouri: Kansas City St. Joseph St. Louis	0 1 5		0	0 0 5	7 1 10	11 8 21	0000	4 0 6	0 0 0	0 0 16	110 13 207
North Dakota: Grand Forks Minot	0			0 52		1	0		0	0	12
South Dakota: Aberdeen Sioux Falls	0 2			0		0 2	0		0	0	8
Nebraska: Omaha Kansas:	0		0	2	6	4	0	0	0	0	49
Lawrence	0			0		0	0		0	0	4
Topeka Wichita	0 0	1	0	0 4	0 3	3 4	0	0	0 0	8 1	7 20
Delaware: Wilmington Maryland:	1		o	8	2	8	0	2	0	` 0	30
Baltimore	3	5	2	98	15	17	0	7	3	22	223
Cumberland Frederick	0		0	20	0	0	0	0	3 0	0	11 5
District of Colum- bia:		1			9	9	0	8	2	10	174
Washington Virginia:	0		1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Lynchburg Norfolk	2		Ó	Ó	1	8	Ó	2	Ó	1	18
Richmond Roanoke	3 0		0	0	3 0	2 1	0	3 0	0	0	51 22
West Virginia: Charleston	0		0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	20
Huntington	20			0 24	·····	15	0	0	0	01	16
Wheeling North Carolina:			0	_	, v						10
Gastonia Wilmington	0			0 47		1	0	0	0 0	1	12
Winston-Salem. South Carolina:	3		0	51	0	1	0	4	0	0	20
Charleston	0	34	0	1 0	1 1	1 0	0	0	1 0	0	24 13
Florence Greenville	ŏ		ŏ	ŏ	Ō	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	Ŏ	Ŏ	8
Georgia: Atlanta	2		0	1	4	6	0	1	0	0	71
Brunswick Savannah	01	1	0	0 16	02	0 1	0	1 0	0	0	3 32
Florida: Miami	ธี	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	o	39
St. Petersburg	0		0	0	1	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ō	Ō	5	20 34
Татра	1	1	1	0	0	v	Ů	Ů	U		
Kentucky: Ashland	0		0	3	1	8	0	0	0	5	7
Covington	0		0	0	1	8 1	0	42	0	02	18 12
Tennessee:	1		0	2	8	8	0	1	0	0	33
Knoxville Memphis	1	4	2	0	5	1	Ó	0	1	82	57 56
Nashville Alabama:	0		8	1	2	2	0	1	0		
Birmingham Mobile	02	8	1	0 6	52	7	0	3 1	0	0	74 30
Montgomery	Ō			Ō		0	0		0	0	
Arkansas:				,		0	0		0	. 0	
Fort Smith Little Rock	0 0	15	0	3 0	1	2		0	ŏ	ĭ	19
Louisiana: Lake Charles	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
New Orleans Oklahoma:	1	2	0	1	9	5	0	8	0	0	143
Oklahoma City_ Tulsa	1 6	2	0	0 195	0 1	4 3	0	1 0	0 0	0 0	39 13
Texas: Dallas	7		0	38	2	8	0	3	Q	1	69
Fort Worth Galveston			0 0	1	2 1	2	0	2 1	0	- 7	41 20
Houston	2		0	1	9	5 2	Ŏ	57	Ŏ	Ŏ 1	95 72
San Antonio	2	19	· 1	1	81	2			v		14

<u></u>	Diph	Inf	uenza	Mea-	Pneu-	Scar-	Small	Tuber-	Ty-	Whoop-	Deaths.
State and city	theria cases	· [Deaths	sles cases	monia deaths	let fever cases	pox cases	culosis deaths	phoid fever cases	ing cough cases	all causes
Montana:							·				
Billings Great Falls	0		8	1 17	0	0	0 0	0	0	0 10	8 8 1 7
Helena	ŏ		Ó	1	ó	Ō	Ó	ō	ŏ	ii	ĵ
Missoula Idaho:	0		0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
Boise	0		0	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Colorado:			0	39	6	4	0		0		
Denver Pueblo	10 1	. 38	ŏ	143	2	2	ŏ	1	ŏ	20 1	82 9
New Mexico:			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Albuquerque Arizona:	0		, v	-	v	-		v	-	_	
Phoenix Utah:	0	35		7		2	0		0	9	
Salt Lake City.	0		0	1	1	3	0	1	0	8	46
Washington:											
Seattle Spokane	0	4	4	0	2 1	07	0	3 1	0	21 6	121 28
Tacoma	ŏ		ô	ĭ	ō	5	ŏ	ō	ŏ	2	34
Oregon: Portland	2	5	2	2	4	0	0	1	0.	5	105
California: Los Angeles	8	24	0	22	11	30	0	23	2	22	442
Sacramento San Francisco	Ŏ	7	Ŏ	13 5	78	03	Ŏ	114	Ō	3	44 200
San Francisco		'	•	•	•					•	
	1	Moni	ngitis.		11				Mani	ingitis,	
			ococcus	Polio- mye-						gococcus	Polio- mye-
State and city	ŀ			litis		State	and city			<u></u>	litis
		Cases	Deaths	Cases					Cases	Deaths	cases
New Hampshire:					India	na.					
Manchester		0	·0	1	1	Muncie.			0	• 0	1
Massachusetts: Boston		1	o	1	Illing	ois: Chicago			3	1	2
Worcester		î	ŏ	ô	Kane	385:					-
New York: New York		1	1	3		l'opeka. vland:			1	0	0
Syracuse		i	Ô	ŏ	İ	Baltimo	re		2	1	0
New Jersey: Trenton		1	0	1	Virgi	nia: Loanoba			1	0	6
Pennsylvania:		-	, i	-	Geor	gia:			-	-	i i
Philadelphia Scranton		1	0	1	Alab				1	0	0
Ohio:				-	E	Birming	ham		0	0	1
Cincinnati		$1 \\ 1$	0	0		ornia: .os Ang	eles		0	0	· 1

City reports for week ended Dec. 13, 1941-Continued

Encephalitis, epidemic or lethargic.—Cases: New York, 2; Philadelphia, 1; Milwaukee, 1. Deaths: Minneapolis, 1. Pellagra.—Cases: St. Louis, 1; Savannah 1; Birmingham, 2; New Orleans, 1. Typhus feer.—Cases: New York, 1; Philadelphia, 1; Atlanta, 2; Savannah, 5; Tampa, 1; Birmingham, 2; Montgomery, 7; Lake Charles, 1; New Orleans, 1. Deaths: Tampa, 1.

Rates (annual basis) pe	r 100,000 population for a group of 85 selected cities tion, 1940, \$3,591,005)	(popula-
•	(101, 1940, 35, 391, 000)	

Period	Diph- theria cases		uenza Deaths		Pneu- monia deaths			Tuber- culosis deaths	Ty- phoid fever cases	Whoop- ing cough cases
Week ended Dec. 13, 1941 Average for week, 1936-40	18. 47 21. 56	32. 91 141. 19		109. 90 198. 33		137.07 163.38	0.00 2.20	45. 17 51. 47	3. 26 3. 78	178. 51 168. 74

FOREIGN REPORTS

CANADA

Provinces—Communicable diseases—Week ended November 29, 1941.—During the week ended November 29, 1941, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported by the Department of Pensions and National Health of Canada as follows:

Disease	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Bruns- wick	Que- bec	On- tario	Mani- toba	Sas- katch- ewan	Al- berta	British Colum- bia	Total
Cerebrospinal meningitis. Chickenpox Diphtheria Dysentery		6 20 15	1 3 1	1 304 24 19	8 336	1 79 10	78	1 41	192 1	18 1, 053 56 19
Influenza Lethargic encephalitis Measles		9 5		707	4	4	 11 29		20 	37 11 896
Mumps Pneumonia		4		531	196 8	34 2	45 	6 1	128 6	940 21
Poliomyelitis Scarlet fever Trachoma	3	1 14	7	134	293	16 1	18	28	27	9 540 1
Tuberculosis Typhoid and paraty-	5	16	10	74 5	54 2	3	1			163 8
phoid fever Whooping cough		1	2	215 215	116	10	4	1	46	395

¹ Encephalomyelitis.

MALTA

Notifiable diseases—September 1941.—During the month of September 1941, certain notifiable diseases were reported in Malta, including the island of Gozo, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Disease	Cases	Deaths
Cancer Cerebrospinal meningitis Chickenpox Diphtheria Erysipelas Influenza Malaria Measles Pneumonia	23 3 7 12 2 2 41	7 2 10	Puerperal fever Searlet fever Tetanus Trachoma Tuberculosis (pulmonary) Typhold fever Undulant fever Whooping cough	6 1 29 62 78 59	4 20 6 5 2

REPORTS OF CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER RECEIVED DURING THE CURRENT WEEK

Not **E**.—Except in cases of unusual prevalence, only those places are included which had not previously reported any of the above-named diseases, except yellow fever, during the current year. All reports of yellow fever are published currently.

A cumulative table showing the reported prevalence of these diseases for the year to date is published in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for the last Friday of each month.

Plague

Argentina.—According to a report dated December 18, 1941, 3 cases of bubonic plague, including 1 suspected case, have occurred in the town of Loberia about 300 miles south of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The report also states that some cases of plague have appeared in Guardia Vieja, Cordoba Province, Argentina.

Yellow Fever

Belgian Congo-Aba.-On December 11, 1941, 1 suspected case of yellow fever was reported in Aba, Belgian Congo.

COURT DECISIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Oleomargarine law construed.—(Tennessee Supreme Court; Jacobs Packing Co. et al. v. Flanery, 151 S.W.2d 1073; decided June 14, 1941.) Section 2 of a Tennessee statute relating to oleomargarine provided that, for the purpose of the act, certain enumerated products should be known and designated as oleomargarine and further provided that the section should apply to all ingredients essential to and used in the manufacture, mixing, or compounding of oleomargarine. It was also stated that nothing in the section should be construed to mean that shortening should come under the act unless shortening or other similar compound of fats and/or oils was sold with or there was given away with shortening, etc., any article which when mixed with such shortening, etc., made oleomargarine as defined in the act.

A company sold two packaged products labeled as vegetable shortening and vitamin fortifier. The former weighed 12 and the latter 4 ounces and when mixed by the purchaser a pound of yellow oleomargarine was produced. The Tennessee Supreme Court was of the opinion that the statutory language mentioned was intended to and did embrace these two products and that, in view of the construction placed on section 2, it was manifest that the complainants were liable for the license fee stated in section 5, which section required a license of every person desiring to manufacture or sell oleomargarine as defined in section 2.

Section 10 of the statute levied a tax of 10 cents per pound "on all oleomargarine sold in the State as defined in section 2 of this act which

is vellow in color, irrespective of the types or kinds of fats or oil ingredients contained by such vellow oleomargarine, any other provision of this act to the contrary notwithstanding." The supreme court held that under this section the two products above mentioned were subject to the tax of 10 cents per pound and in this connection * * It will be recalled that section 2, as amended, said: "* specifically embraces any two ingredients which when mixed produce oleomargarine. This is exactly what occurs when the two Jelke products are mixed; so that these two products, under the provisions of section 2, are oleomargarine even before they are mixed. And, being oleomargarine, they are of a yellow color, because that color only can be produced by mixing them. It follows that these products are subject to the tax of 10 cents per pound because, by the amendment, they are made yellow oleomargarine.

The court further held that those engaged in selling the two Jelke compounds were subject to the regulations imposed by sections 3 and 3-A of the statute and stated that the requirements as to advertising, vitamin content, inspection, etc., were reasonable regulations under the police power of the State.

Tax levy for county tuberculosis hospital.—(Illinois Supreme Court; People ex rel. Smith. County Collector v. Wabash Ry. Co. et al., 35 N.E.2d 325; decided June 17, 1941.) In a proceeding in which a county collector applied for judgment and sale of real estate for delinquent taxes, one of the objections was to a levy for the county tuberculosis hospital, which tax was in addition to the levy of 25 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for general corporate purposes of the county. The basis of the objection was that the county board was without authority to make the said levy in addition to the 25 cents limitation without a vote of the people for such purpose. It appeared that when the hospital was established a number of years before the proposition submitted to the electors of the county under the tuberculosis hospital statute had been for or against the levy of a tax for a hospital. The resolution of the county supervisors relative to the matter said nothing about an addition to the county general corporate purpose tax rate. The holding of the Illinois Supreme Court was that, when a vote was taken under section 2 of the tuberculosis hospital act and the tax mentioned in section 1 of the act was levied, the tax was one for a general corporate purpose and had to be included in the 25 cent rate.

Pneumonia held compensable under workmen's compensation act.— (New Mexico Supreme Court; Stevenson v. Lee Moor Contracting Co. et al., 115 P. 2d 342; decided July 7, 1941.) In a proceeding under the New Mexico Workmen's Compensation Act compensation for pneumonia was sought by a truck driver employed by a road building contractor. The employee became ill after operating for a day one of the heavy trucks belonging to his employer. The findings of the trial court, very briefly stated, were that the employee was furnished by his employer with an old, defective truck that emitted excessive gases and fumes (more than any other truck on the job), that the employee breathed such gases and fumes while operating the truck, and that the effect of breathing such gases and fumes was to precipitate "the activity of pneumococci, which resulted in pneumonia." The statute provided for compensation where, among other things, the injury was proximately caused by accident. The supreme court said that the only question was whether the trial court erred in holding, under its findings of fact, that the employee's injury was not "proximately caused by accident" as the phrase was used in the law.

In the majority of cases, said the appellate court, the accident and injury are separate, such as injuries resulting from the breaking of machinery, explosions, etc., but there are many cases in which the accident and injury constitute one happening, such as hernia, blood clots, and hemorrhages, resulting from exertion or strain, and sprained ankle, overheating, sunstroke, breathing dust, freezing, etc. The court's holding was that injury by accident meant nothing more than an accidental injury or an accident as the word was ordinarily used. It denoted an unlooked-for mishap or an untoward event which was not expected or designed.

In discussing the question whether the injury was accidental the court stated that it was not necessary that the injury should result momentarily to be accidental but that it could be "the result of hours, even a day, or longer, of breathing or inhaling gases, depending upon the facts of the case." "If the appellant had been struck in the chest with a stone, the effect of which had been to lower his resistance so that pneumonia resulted, no one would question but that it was an accident. He was struck in the respiratory organs by the finer substance of fumes and gases, with the same effect. We see no material difference in the two causes." As it appeared from the findings of the trial court that the employee was subjected to unusual and extraordinary conditions and hazards, not usual to his employment and to which no other of the workmen on the job was subjected, and that such unusual and extraordinary conditions and hazards were the proximate cause of the attack of pneumonia, the court concluded that the employee's "injury, including that resulting from pneumonia, was an injury by accident" and, therefore, compensable,