

EDITORIAL

HORDES, AND FRESHER HORDES.

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“**W**HAT excuse,” asks George E. Johnson, Superintendent of the Pittsburg Playground Association in the *Psychological Clinic* of Philadelphia, “what excuse can be offered for the fact that, even in this land, more than one half of all children born in the world die before they have reached man’s estate?”

The present either Associate Editor or Editor-in-chief, it is not clear which, of *The Call*, Mr. Robert Hunter, would have no difficulty in unraveling the puzzle that stumps Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Hunter’s epoch-making biogico-sociologic discovery and invention, which accounts for the stoppage of the “Old Stock” American to produce children in the large numbers of former years, has this answer ready at hand for Mr. Johnson.

According to Mr. Hunter’s combined discovery and invention, the reason why the “Old Stock” original population of the thirteen colonies did not stock the land with a descent of 80,000,000 non-pareils like themselves is that the country was flooded by hordes of degraded Europeans, whereby the sturdy Old Stock was prevented from obeying the old and sacred command “increase and multiply.” In other words, The Hordes superinduced infanticide.

That accounts for the original infant mortality. The Hordes, however, did not suffer from the blight that they inflicted upon the “Old Stock.” They increased and multiplied. Of that huge fifty per cent of children, who, Superintendent Johnson says, still die before arriving of age, a large number must be descendent from The Hordes themselves. How come they to be likewise afflicted? The mortality among their children can not be accounted for by the acts or the presence of the Old Stock. Only the Old Stock was hurt; it could do no hurting. What, then, did, and continues to do the mischief?

Mr. Robert Hunter's great biologico-sociologic law furnishes the cue to the answer—why, the fresher Horders.

Just so soon as the first batch of Hordes began to be acclimated, so to speak, to the Old Stock ways, a fresh batch of Hordes came in. The effect of the fresh batch upon the first batch and the Old Stock jointly was, of course, the same as was the effect of the first batch of Hordes upon the Old Stock alone.

Thus, in a self-perpetuating chain, every fresher batch of Hordes revitalizes the mischief of infanticide upon their predecessors. As there is no end to the waves of the Hordes, wave following wave, the shocking conditions, complained of by Superintendent Johnson, are scientifically accounted for.

The Hunterian law makes it all clear—Hordes and fresher Hordes.

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