THE ETIOLOGY OF YELLOW FEVER.
A Preliminary Note.

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“.....swept away a hideous plague......”
This is The Story of Clara Maass

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• Born 28 June 1876 – East Orange, NJ
• Oldest of Nine Children
• Age 15 – Left School
• Newark German Hospital – Nursing
• 1898 – Head Nurse at Age 21

Newark German Hospital
• Contract Nurse for Army
• Jacksonville, FL; Savannah, GA; Santiago, Cuba – Discharged Feb 1899
• November 1899 - Philippines
Come at once. Gorgas, Chief Sanitary Officer.
• Returned to Cuba – Las Animas Hospital
• 19 participants
• Only Woman and Only American
• Numerous bites during May, June and July
• Negative Results
• Last Bite 14 August 1901
• Sequence of Infection in volunteers
  • 18 August – Illness
  • 24 August – Death

“God will care for me in the yellow fever hospital the same as if I were Home. I will send you nearly all I Earn, so be good to yourself and the Two little ones. You know I am the Man of the family, but do pray for me.”
THE THIRD MOSQUITO VICTIM.

Miss Clara Maas Dies from Yellow Fever at Havana After Being Bitten by an Infected Insect.

HAVANA, Aug. 24.—The third death from yellow fever resulting from the bite of a mosquito occurred at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The victim was Miss Clara Maas of New Jersey, whose death occurred on the seventh day after she was taken ill.

Of the six persons bitten by mosquitoes recently in the course of the Yellow Fever Commission's experiments, three have died. The doctors say the other three are suffering from light attacks of the disease. Miss Maas was a nurse at Las Animas, and wished to become immune.

Miss Maas was a daughter of Mrs. H. A. Maas of 344 Main Street, East Orange. She was twenty-five years old and had been a nurse for five years. At the time of the war with Spain she was attached to the camps at Jacksonville and Savannah, and afterward went to Cuba. Two years ago she was sent to Manila, but contracted fever in the Philippines, and was obliged to return home. As soon as she was well again she went to Cuba.

Miss Sophie Maas started for Havana last Thursday on learning of the critical condition of her sister.

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CLARA LOUISE MAASS
BORN JUNE 28, 1876.
DIED AUG. 24, 1901
ARMY NURSE WITH THE SEVENTH U.S.
ARMY CORPS IN JACKSONVILLE AND
CUBA OCT. 1, 1898 - FEB. 5, 1899, AND
WITH THE EIGHTH U.S. ARMY CORPS
IN MANILA 1899-1900. ENTERED
SERVICE IN THE HOSPITAL AT LAS
ANIMAS, CUBA, 1901. VOLUNTEERED
FOR INOCULATION BY YELLOW
FEVER INFECTED MOSQUITOES IN A
GOVERNMENT STUDY TO ESTABLISH
THE TRANSMISSION OF THIS DISEASE.
SHE CONTRACTED YELLOW FEVER,
DIED AS THE RESULT AND WAS
BURIED IN COLUMBIA CEMETERY, HAVANA
WITH MILITARY HONORS. HER BODY
WAS RETURNED AND BURIED HERE
ON FEB. 20, 1902.

FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY
NEWARK, NJ
“An American Heroine - Clara Louise Maass”
CLARA MAASS
a nurse - a hospital - a spirit

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