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# Tetanus Danger

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Tetanus is an ever-present deadly infection which can enter the body through apparently harmless cuts and scratches, warns the N.S.W. Department of Public Health. Last year two people in the State died from tetanus, and several other cases were reported.

Tetanus affects the nerves. The paralyzing effect of the tetanus toxin results in stiffness of the neck and jaw, and the name of lock-jaw is commonly used for the infection. The symptoms of stiffness may be accompanied by chills followed by muscular spasms.

The tetanus germ is particularly resistant and widely distributed among humans and animals, but an anti-serum (discovered during World War I) has been developed to provide immunization against the infection.

It is most prevalent where there are livestock and in manured soil or dust in home gardens and stockyards.

All scratches and cuts should be attended to immediately. A scratch from a new nail if it has been in contact with tetanus germs can be as dangerous as one from an old rusty nail.

The wound should be cleaned and a germicide applied. If the patient has not been immunized against tetanus consult a doctor.

Don't take risks with tetanus. Even a thorn prick could be fatal. Everyone should be immunized every five years—especially those who work with soil.

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# Scholarship for Josephine

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Josephine Briggs, a very sweet seventeen, has been awarded a Teachers College scholarship because of her high pass in last year's Leaving Certificate, reports Deniliquin welfare officer D. J. Hall.

She attended Sheparton High School (Victoria), and this year began her teaching training.

Josephine, who teaches Sunday School at Mooroopna, is the grand-daughter of Mrs Sophia Briggs, one of the oldest residents of CumerooGUNja Mission.

*Seventeen-year-old Josephine Briggs (left), and her friend Nola Ferguson, who also passed the Leaving Certificate last year at Sheparton High School (Victoria)*

