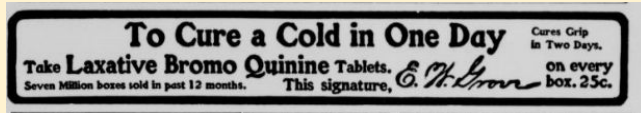


# Death Rates Altered by Prevalent Disease in 1905, Alma, Michigan

## Diseases and Death Rates in 1905

- Typhoid fever: 1,227
- Influenza: 1,207
- Smallpox 124
- Diphtheria: 982



## 1905 Methods of Relief

- Thedford's Black Draught
  - Never failing stomach remedy for bowel issues.
- Laxative Bromo Quinine
  - Assist with gastrointestinal issues and cure for "colds"
- White Ghosts of Death
  - Cure for pneumonia



## Alma Sanitarium

The Alma Sanitarium was a prestige medical center in Alma, Michigan. It was claimed to be more of a home than a medical facility. This facility served light chronic troubles and palliative care for those with incurable illnesses.



References: CDC.gov, Almanian & Alma Record

## Diseases present in the United States 2020

- Typhoid fever : 90 diagnosed yearly
- Influenza: 11.4% of US Deaths
- Smallpox: eradicated disease
- Diphtheria: two outbreaks yearly



## Current Methods of Relief

- Vaccination
  - All diseases are now preventable by vaccination.
- Antibiotics
  - Used for treatment typhoid fever, diphtheria and influenza.
- NSAIDs
  - Can be used to manage symptoms