Thomas Onesti tuberculosis writing assignment, undated

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Consumption

Consumption is a disease which can easily be cured if it is taken good care. There are some kind of little germs in the dust of the street that we breath that makes Consumption.

Dr. Koch¹ was the man who discovered these little germs. He was born in Germany he was a German which he died last year.

The people shouldn't spit on the sidewalk the should spit in the cutter. If they spit on the siblewalk,² someone would be coming along and take on the sole of the shoe and them would carry home. When the person got home he would clean his feet on the rug or carpet. This spit would dry up and turn into dust.

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This dust would contain thousandths of germs. Then the people who lived in that house would breath it into there are get Consumption.

When the babies in the home would play on the floor and rub their hands into this dust and then put them into their mouth.

This cause trouble about the babies bowels.

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¹ i.e., Dr. Robert Koch

² Clearly "sidewalk," but may indicate an attempt to correct a "d" facing the wrong way.

³ Written in a second hand, likely that of the instructor.