

in proportion. When babies are very costive, use oatmeal instead of barley. Cook and strain. When your breast-milk is half enough, change off between breast-milk and food. In hot summer weather try the food with a small strip of blue litmus paper. If the blue paper turns red, either make a fresh mess or add a small pinch of baking soda to the food. Infants of six months may have beef-tea or beef-soup once a day, by itself, or mixed with other food. Babies of ten or twelve months may have a crust of bread and a piece of rare beef to suck. No child under two years ought to eat at your table. Give no candies, in fact nothing that is not contained in these rules, without a doctor's order.

III. *Summer Complaint*.—It comes from over-feeding and hot and foul air; never from teething. Keep doors and windows open; wash your children with cold water at least twice a day, and oftener in the very hot season. When babies vomit and purge, give nothing to eat or drink for four or six hours, but all the fresh air you can. After that time you give a few drops of whiskey in a teaspoonful of ice-water every ten minutes, but not more until the doctor comes. When there is vomiting and purging, give no milk. Give no laudanum, no paregoric, no soothing syrup, no teas.—*N. Y. Medical Record*.

HOW TO USE UP USELESS DOGS AND CATS.

Only fancy, dear Mr. Scotsman, our feelings this morning, when me and the cat were reading you, and came to this under the title of "Specific Articles Wanted":—

Dogs and Cats (few useless) wanted. Any kind of breed will suit. Apply at the Physiological Laboratory, University, between 10 and 11 A.M.

"What's the meaning of that?" says the cat to me. "The meaning," says I to the cat, "is that some philosophers (for I am a doctor's dog) want to find out all about our reflex actions and our ganglionic systems, to snip out neat little bits from our nerves and brains, and give us nice little shocks from batteries, and nice little doses of the Calabar bean, and nice little antidotes, and put all about how we behave ourselves into a book, and dissect us nicely afterwards— isn't this nice, pussy?"

Is it seemly or kind, is it what is due to us, to put in this horribly suggestive advertisement? If we dogs were uppermost, and were young doctors of an inquiring turn, how would you men like to see an advertisement in the *Canine Tooth* of the day—"Men and Women and children (few useless)"— isn't this, by-the-by, bad grammar or nonsense?—"any kind of breed, &c." Would you not feel insulted? And how would you like, even under chloroform, to have your reflex actions inquired into, and your *hippocampi minores* tickled with a knife, and your spinal marrow tampered with? Dogs and cats have "feelin's" as well as you. Yours truly and growlingly. BOB.

P. S.—My master has just come down to breakfast, and is reading it. He says, "Bob, if it's a joke, it's a very poor one; if not, it's worse. I'll let

them know at the Physiological Laboratory, that the eye of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to Animals, and the eye, too, of Capt. John Cumming, 17 Drummond Street, is upon them."

I and my master, and Sir Charles Bell, and the late Professor Syme, have our own views as to the question of vivisection; but I only speak now of the outrage and insult to me and the cat.—*Edinburgh Scotsman*.

CONVULSIONS IN A NEW-BORN CHILD, CAUSED BY MILK OF A WET-NURSE ABUSING ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

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This is the history of an important case. A child was born at the eighth month of gestation. It was fed with a bottle first, then by a wet-nurse. During the first month, it gained but little in size; under the suckling with the nurse, it increased considerably in size and weight; at this time it was noticed that the child had become hyperæsthetic, and then had convulsions, very severe and very frequent. No cause could be assigned to this affection, which baffled treatment, until, on further inquiry, it was found that the wet-nurse was in the habit of indulging in drinks of a wine very rich in alcohol. From the time the wine was cut off, the child, after a week, was completely cured, as the convulsions kept decreasing both in number and severity every day up to the seventh, when it was allowed to suckle again, as it was supposed that after this lapse of time, alcohol must have been thoroughly eliminated from the organism of the wet-nurse.—*N. Y. Medical Record*.

NEW MODE OF ADMINISTERING COD-LIVER OIL.

Numerous attempts have been made to render cod-liver oil less disagreeable, either by gelatinizing or solidifying it, but only with partial success. The system of capsules seems to answer best; but the great objection is the number of these which must be swallowed. Now it would seem that Messrs. Carre and Lemoine have contrived to incorporate the oil with bread. Each pound of bread contains a little more than two ounces of the oil or five tablespoonfuls, and three ounces of milk. Small loaves are also made which contain only two tablespoonfuls, and which altogether, weigh only five ounces. These loaves are beautifully white, look extremely well, and have hardly any taste. Both children and adults eat them very willingly. In M. Bouchut's ward, at the Children's Hospital, in Paris, thirty-four small loaves are brought every morning, and are looked forward to with much anxiety by the children for breakfast. They have been largely used among private patients, and no one complains of any disagreeable taste. Five or six tablespoonfuls of oil may thus be given per diem, incorporated with the bread taken with the usual food.—*Lancet*, August 2, 1873.