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TO THE EDITORS OF THE MONTREAL MEDICAL GAZETTE.

GENTLEMEN,—The following cases are forwarded for insertion in the pages of the *Medical Gazette*, if approved, for the purpose of correcting, in the two first, that senseless, popular prejudice in favor of *immediate bleeding* in all cases of severe and dangerous accidents; and in the two latter, of showing the beneficial effects of preparing a patient, by the complete prostration of strength, by V. S., and the use of the *Tart. Antim. previous to attempting to reduce a dislocation of the hip joint*.

1st. Miss ———, a beautiful girl of fifteen, while incautiously stepping on the edge of a steep precipice to gather some wild flowers, fell over! When assistance reached the spot she was found deadly pale and faint; there was a dislocation, with a fracture of the ankle joint, and a severe injury of the shoulder. A medical gentleman from New York, just arrived, offered his services, and accompanied the party in the dangerous descent to where the fair sufferer lay. *She was immediately bled!* As soon as possible she was removed to the Hotel and visited by two other medical gentlemen in the neighbourhood; shortly after reaching the house she expired. On enquiring the motive for bleeding the patient, the answer was, *mirabile dictu*, "THE PEOPLE COMPELLED ME."*

Whatever the nature or extent of the injuries sustained might be, it is very evident that taking blood away immediately after the accident, and the syncope, was, in fact, "taking life;" the only remedies should have been stimulants, brandy, ammonia, &c.

2nd. Mr. ———, a young gentleman, returning from a pleasant ball and supper about 4, a. m., was thrown from his horse, which, in falling,

* This was "Vox Populi" with a vengeance; it is hoped such may not be heard again.