

scarlatina might linger around a house for a year or so, but I could account for the disease in these cases only on the supposition that it had been contracted from poison which had been retained in those old rags *five years*.

The children all came down at once, showing simultaneous exposure to the virus, and all went through the routine at once.

Desquamation was very decided, and they amused themselves by peeling strips of cuticle off their fingers for some time. Acute Bright's disease followed one of the cases, but was easily controlled, and all made a good recovery.

The diseased children were immediately isolated when the nature of the malady was discovered, and there was no spread of the contagion.

Now let some one who is better versed in eggs and embryology, fomites and bacteria go on and give a parallel case, or account for the thing in any other way.

APHORISMS ON THE CULTURE OF CHILDREN.

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"None has yet penetrated into the mystery of a mother's influence over her child. Science is beginning to show how all important is this influence before birth, but science has not yet found out what germs of character are earliest developed and fostered by the magnetism of a mother's love, in its direct bearing on the physical and mental growth.

"A little child can only judge of you by your action. It is no use preaching *at* or to him. Your actions towards him speak more volubly, forcibly and effectually than words can.

"Boys ought never to be allowed to sleep with [female] servants. Many a pure, innocent boy has had his body weakened and his mind corrupted for life by this practice being allowed.

"When a child is unusually naughty and cross, the chances are that he is not well. . . . Let him have a run and a romp out of doors, and, if possible in the green fields.

"Never deceive your child. If you once do, he will never believe you again; and mischief will be done which years will not repair.

"The best physicians for many complaints are—Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet and Dr. Merryman;—diet, rest and cheerfulness.

"Every child ought to have his flower garden—a plot of ground that he might call his own—his very own—that he might, to his heart's content, dig and delve, and plant and sow.

"A quacking mother (one who is always dosing her children) is a misfortune to her child, and makes plenty of work for the doctors.

"Some mothers deserve a whipping more than do their children; she, having encouraged a fault by bad management, is the real offender.

"Temperance, early rising and sponging the whole of the body every morning, either with tepid or with cold water, are preventives of cold, provocatives of health, helps to longevity and sharpeners of the intellect. "The method by which," says Sir Astley Cooper, "I preserve my own health, are temperance, early rising and sponging the body every morning with cold water immediately after getting out of bed, a practice which I have adopted for thirty years, and although I go from the hot theatre