

*Riddell: Digby and His Powder.*

This foul mess applied to the wound, the surgeons firmly believed had much virtue; but the result of such an application can be contemplated only with a shudder by one trained in the ultracleanly methods of modern surgery. In Digby's method there was no topical application to the wound; all that was done to it, was to wash it carefully from time to time with fair clean water, cover it with a clean, soft linen cloth, and cleanse it once a day from pus and other impurities—the purer the water, the cleaner the cloth, the better. And the beneficial result which Digby referred to the vitriol followed from *vis medicatrix Naturæ*, old Dame Nature's own remedy.

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