

(2) alleviation of headache, often to entire cessation, (3) awakening from a semi-comatose condition to consciousness, and an ability to rationally answer questions. One lumbar puncture is not sufficient; the fluid slowly reaccumulates, marking the return of stupor and headache. It is a palliative means only, not a curative one.—*The Cleveland Medical Journal*.

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### Carbuncles.

Creel has relied on eethol given internally, in doses of a teaspoonful, in cases of carbuncles, flax-seed poultices applied locally, emptying of pus, scraping out of dead tissue and cleansing with peroxide of hydrogen; after this a topic application of eethol on absorbent cotton every four to eight hours. The average duration of this treatment in his cases was ten days.—*Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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Ebstein gives rest and warmth as important factors in treatment of the morbidly lean. The diet, however, is the main point in the conduct of the case. He favors a diet rich in fats, as more conducive to the taking on of flesh than the carbohydrates, and being less liable to cause fatty accumulation about the heart. The introduction of fats into the dietary regimen should be gradual and accompanied by careful management of the bowels.

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### What the "Grip" Is.

Asked what made him look so ill, an Irishman replied, "Faith, I had the grip last winter." To draw him out, the questioner asked, "What is the grip, Patrick?"

"The grip!" he says. "Don't you know what the grip is? It's a disease that makes you sick six months after you get well."—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

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THE STRATEGY OF SAMUEL.—Proud Father—"I tell you, sir, that boy of mine will be a wonder."

Friend (wearily)—"What wonderful thing has he done now?"

Proud Father—"Why, the other day he ate all the preserves in the pantry. I overheard him say, as he smeared the cat's face with the stuff: 'I'm sorry, Tom, to do this, but I can't have the old folks suspect me.'"—*Smart Set*.