

There is a milkman at Brixton who has a ready wit that a lawyer might envy. One of his customers caught him watering his milk at the horse-trough the other day. "What!" said the customer, in a rage, "isn't it enough that your milk is full of typhoid without you going and watering it?" The milkman turned round, and, smiling compassionately, said to two or three bystanders: "What can you do with a man like this? He actually wants his typhoid straight."—*Journal of Reconstructives.*

THE J. P. BUSH MANUFACTURING Co.—Dear Sirs: A microscopic examination of Bovinine reveals the presence of large quantities of red and white blood corpuscles; also minute fat globules and crystals of Leucine and Tyrosine. No fibrin or bacteria present. The blood corpuscles are practically unchanged, the red cells being simply decolorized, due to their suspension in a watery medium. Culture tubes of nutrient jelly, agar agar, and peptone broth, inoculated with Bovinine, and kept in an incubator for a week, failed to develop any bacteria. Respectfully yours, W. M. GRAY, M.D., Microscopist to Army Medical Museum.

One or two drops of Bovinine placed in a test tube with 10 c. c. of water, heated, and a drop or two of nitric acid added, reveals the presence of large quantities of Albumen.

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DANGEROUS EFFECT OF LAUGHING GAS.—

Two ladies, both prominent in the most refined, religious and social circles to be found in Kentucky, and reside not a hundred miles from Stanford. One, whom we will call Mrs. A., was a modest matron, and desiring to have several teeth extracted, called upon her neighbor Mrs. B. to accompany her to the office of the dentist and help her to get her courage up. Reaching the office presently it was found that Mrs. A.'s courage was at a very low ebb, and she was persuaded to test the efficacy of "laughing gas." The dentist "had given it to scores of patients; there was not the slightest danger," and he assured Mrs. A. that she would recover from the effects of the gas in a little while, and would suffer no pain whatever. With nerves wrought up to the highest tension

Mrs. A. took the chair, and the dentist began to administer the gas, the effect of which was somewhat startling to him and absolutely horrifying to Mrs. B.

The patient was getting well "under the influence" when the following dialogue occurred:

Mrs. A.—"Is everything ready?"

Mrs. B.—"Yes, everything is all right."

Mrs. A.—"Has the doctor come!"

Mrs. B.—"Yes, the doctor is here."

(Here the doctor gets his nippers on a decayed molar, and after a few twists and jerks lifts it out.)

"Mrs. A.—"O, my; nobody ever suffered such pains, doctor. Doctor! will it kill me?"

Doctor—"O, no, madame. It will soon be over," as he drops another tooth on the floor.

Mrs. A.—"Where is papa?"

At this point Mrs. B.'s veil is drawn fourteen double over her face, and the dentist's face turns as red as a beet, as he drops out the last ugly tooth and sprinkles a little water in the lady's face.

In a greatly relieved voice Mrs. A., still laboring under the delusion, asks: "Is it a boy or girl?"

The last query utterly paralysed the doctor, who made a break for another room, leaving the ladies alone."—*Leavenworth Sun.*

TERRIBLE MISTAKE.—"Man Peter," said a Scotch quack doctor to his apprentice, "ye maun aye be awfu' cautious in pharmacy. Even I ance made a terrible mistake.' I was attending Mrs. Kittlebody, wha was sair fashed wi' tickdolaroo, an' I was called upon by John M'Fikeit, wha's croon was sae thin o' hair—as weel as sense—that he was ashamed o't, especially as he was coortin' a strappin' young widow that had a fine public hoose; an' I mixed up baith potions at the same time, an' losh sake, man, I happened tae gie them ilk ither's medicine! So puir John rubbin' Mrs. Kittlebody's preparation for her tickdolaroo on the tap o' his head, declares he's had a bee in his bonnet ever since; an' Mrs. Kittlebody rubbed her jaws wi' the ointment intended for John's bald pow, in less than a fortnicht had a pair o' whiskers the envy o' a' the young men o' the village."