

CHOKED BY IMAGINATION.

The fact that the throes of the imagination under great nervous excitement often produce a corresponding physical frenzy was illustrated recently in the case of a man who had gone to sleep with his artificial teeth in his mouth.

Waking suddenly with a choking sensation, he found his teeth had disappeared. He looked in the glass of water where they were usually deposited, did not see them there and realized that they must be far down his throat.

Choking and struggling, he hammered on the door of a friend sleeping in the house, who seeing his critical condition, vainly tried to draw the teeth out of the sufferer's throat. He could feel the teeth, but had not the strength to extract them. He ran for a blacksmith who lived a few doors away, but the blacksmith's hand was too big to put into the man's mouth.

A doctor had been sent for, but he was so long in coming that the victim of the accident seemed likely to die of suffocation before the physician arrived. A little girl of ten years was brought under the impression that her small hand might reach the obstacle and withdraw it, but she got frightened and began to cry.

The sufferer became black in the face, his throat swelled out, and his friends expected every moment to be his last, when finally the doctor arrived. He heard the history of the case, saw that the teeth were not in the man's jaws nor in their nightly receptacle, felt the throat and cast his eyes seriously upon the floor.

There he saw the whole set of teeth. He adjusted them in the jaws of the patient, told him to breathe freely, and every symptom of suffocation disappeared.—Philadelphia Record.

AGAINST VACCINATION.

For the welfare of humanity let us hope that the lately revived craze for inoculating the people will soon pass. It received a fair trial in South Africa, and, of course, was a disastrous failure. A son of Sir James Blyth writes to the Zoophilist from the front: "One of our men, called Mesham, died yesterday from typhoid fever. He was a very strong man and we had no idea he would go off so quickly, but it appears he has been very ill every month since he was inoculated, and the last attack killed him. Opinion out here is very strong against it."

There were nearly twenty thousand cases of typhoid in the inoculated British army with a very high death-rate. The idea, that it is necessary to put some animal filth or refuse, or some poison into the blood of a healthy human being to "protect" him, is very erroneous.—Homœo Recorder.

THE ANTITOXIN DISPUTE.

There is a nice little rumpus in Pediatrics over the never ending antitoxin question, a question that probably never will be settled. Men use it and grow enthusiastic over it, and then turn against it; and then their fellows who are still in the affirmative attitude, say they are unprogressive, or unscientific, or behind the times. This, at least, is the way a doctor who is an enthusiast of the disputed thing, writes of a brother doctor who strongly condemns it. To illustrate his point he relates how he was called in to intubate the patient of the doctor who never uses antitoxin, yet "they all got well so far;" then the intubator replied that nine out of ten would get well in either case, but the tenth would die. "If, however, antitoxin be given to all

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