

lowed. However, on the sixteenth day the watch arrived *per naturalem viam*. It was a silver watch measuring about two inches and a half in diameter, exclusive of the ring, and about half an inch in thickness.—*Ex.*

[It would be interesting to know the hour at which the watch was swallowed and compare that with the hour to which the hands pointed when it was recovered.—*ED.*]

A Successful Remedy in Treating Obesity.—For several years I have been on the lookout for some preparation which would reduce flesh without injuring the general health, but I have never succeeded in finding one. Several weeks ago, however, I received a pamphlet, on the action of phytoline (the active principle of the berries of *Phytolacca decandra*) in obesity, and about that time the patient applied to me for a reduction in her weight. I prescribed phytoline, and directed her to take ten drops before and after the three meals. She has now taken about two weeks' treatment, and tells me to-day that she has lost fifteen pounds, and that, too, without making any

change in her diet, or affecting her general health. I am pleased with the results, and can conscientiously recommend it.—*SANDFORD, M.D., Everett, Mass., Medical Brief.*

The Lady with the Horse Mane.—Under this name a young girl, aged twenty, is now travelling about the world, showing to the public how richly Nature has endowed her with the ornament of hair. She has, besides a rich *chevelure*, a mane growing out of the spine. The hair of this mane is of the same dark brown colour as that of the head, and reaches a length of about ten inches. The place where the hair grows extends downwards for eight inches from a point three inches below the head, in the middle of the spine. Not long ago this lady with the mane was presented to the Anthropological Society of Berlin, and Virchow, to her great astonishment, found that it was a pathological case, for behind the mane there was a *spina bifida occulta*. Several cases have been described during the last two years of hypertrichosis of some region of the spine, connected with *spina bifida occulta*.—*Ex.*

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