

The following is the composition of this bread: Take of rasped potatoes, washed free from starch, 4lbs., mutton suet, 3oz., fresh butter, 2oz., 4 eggs, carb. soda, one drachm, muriatic acid (dilute) half an ounce. Mix into two cakes, and bake quickly till brown. (Taken from Wood's Practice.)

The almost entire absence of sugar indicated at the close of the report attributed principally to the near approach of dissolution. For many observers have noticed in similar cases that the sugar ceases to be eliminated at all for some time before death.

Although it was found in small amount then, about a week after it was not to be discovered at all, even with Tillings' test liquor. I also at this time tested it after Moore's plan and others, but none gave the first indication. The specific gravity and quantity of urine was about normal.

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*On the use of Permanganate of Potassa in the treatment of Typhus Fever and Patrid Sore Throat.* By C. B. HALL M.D., Toronto. Read before the Medical Section, Canadian Institute, May 5th, 1865.

In no branch of our progressive profession has so little advance been made as in that class of pythogenic diseases of which typhus fever stands the representative. Inflammation, or the whole class of sthenic diseases, has not the terror for us it formerly held. Diagnosis has, perhaps, done as much for this as treatment; but certain it is that in the latter there has been a wonderful advance—theoretically, men may widely differ, but practically there is no doubt the cause of inflammation can be cut short by judicious treatment. Whether we admit the theory of the protean compounds of the blood to be the seat of inflammation *per se*, it matters little. Few men will attempt the subjugation of pneumonia or any other acute inflammation without the use of some of the alkalies. But again, whether these substances classed as alkalies act directly as such, or possess, according to the language of the old alchymists, some other solvent power, I will not assume. We know that potash and soda are both classed as alkalies; but when combined with fats produce a very different compound; and so it is equally certain they bear no relative comparison in the treatment of diseases. I premise this far as an apology for bringing a new application of a now well-known remedy for checking the course of a formidable disease, without, possibly, sufficient theory to explain its *modus operandi*.

Idiopathic typhus fever is not at all common in Western Canada; but the marked symptoms, indicating a putrescent state, are frequently met with in pneumonia, typhoid and scarlet fevers. It is not so much the