

"The inhalation of ether, and of chloroform, will cause both delirium and coma; the ingestion of alcohol, of opium, of belladonna, of cannabis indica, and other narcotic drugs, will cause delirium and coma: a moderate dose causing delirium, and a large dose, coma." (Todd.)

It has been ascertained by experiments on animals, that belladonna, in a limited dose, affects the tubercula quadrigemina, and in a larger dose, the cerebral lobes. If a limited quantity of the drug be given to a rabbit, it will produce a slight congestion of the vessels of the parts about the tubercula quadrigemina; still larger doses cause venous congestion of the membranes of the brain, and red or brownish injections of the vessels of the convolutions of the brain: excessive doses produce violent congestion of the vessels throughout the cerebral lobes, and of the membranes of the brain.

"Inflammation of the *arachnoid*, of the surface, and of the *cortical substance* of the brain, is marked by *delirium*; of the *base* of the brain, by *coma*, and by retraction of the head; of the *medullary substance*, by paralysis of the respiratory muscles." (Hall.)

"Mania arises from acute or chronic inflammation of the *cortical substance* of the brain: we find injection here and there, of a red, or deep brown colour, with softness." (Hall.)

"A poisonous agent capable of exciting delirium, when administered to a certain extent, will produce coma, if given in a larger dose; and it may be stated that *all* the poisons capable of producing delirium, will also cause coma: and the same remarks apply to all those agents which exercise a direct action on the brain." (Todd.)

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To the Editors of the Canadian Journal of Homeopathy:

While your Journal should be instrumental in developing the principles of Medical science, and elucidating its truths, it should at the same time be the means of overthrowing errors, and exposing ignorant pretenders to the principles of Homeopathy, who would ride into notice, taking it for a basis, but far from adhering to its principles, in the unscientific treatment they adopt; who advertise at great length their ability to do wonders in the healing art, and in the same document proclaim that they charge nothing for advice, thus exposing their ignorance of one of the collateral principles of

Homeopathy, on the face of their advertisement. The true Homeopathist charges only for advice: their medicines being only the instrument to accomplish or carry into effect that advice. As well might an author charge for his pen and ink, through which he notes down his thoughts; or the mechanic, for his tools by which he accomplishes his mechanical skill, as for the Physician to make the principle charge for his medicine. Here is one very good criterion to judge between the quack and the man of science.

If advice is given free, the party must be very benevolent, or else the advice cannot be of much value. If he only charges for his medicines, he must calculate to make an apothecary shop of his patients' stomachs, where each organ may call for its appropriate medicine on its own hook, as the advice is worth nothing.

But Homeopathists should be the last people to be duped in this way, because they profess better things. There is not an intelligent layman amongst the Homeopathists, who cannot give a better "reason for the hope that is in him," than most of the professed practitioners of the other systems. I recollect, when practising the old system, having an idea of the worthlessness of the medicine when compared to the advice. A party applied to me for some derangement of the system,—I took it to be derangement of the liver, and prescribed accordingly; but need not tell you the remedy. He said he thought he should not take the medicine, and was about leaving. I informed him that he could do as he chose: if he took the medicine the fee would be half as much as if he took the advice, and left the medicine. He concluded to take the medicine. The people need instruction, that it is not the medicine they want, but the cure,—the advice.

So long as the false idea prevails, that it is the medicine they pay their money for, so long will they be blind to their own interest,—so long will they swallow nauseous drugs, and force them down the throats of their children, in order to get the worth of their money. A patient under this delusion,