

INFLAMMATION OF THE CON-
JUNCTIVA AND ULCERATION
OF THE CORNEA.

Clara, a girl twelve years of age, had measles when she was nine years old, and had suffered several times from inflammation of the eyes. She first came to my office on November 6, 1898. Her condition had been much aggravated in the last three weeks. The right eye was severely inflamed and the nose and upper lip were strongly swollen. She especially complained of a burning sensation in the right eye.

An examination showed great photophobia, especially in the right eye, and when this was opened by force a viscid, yellowish-white pus was discharged. The whole of the right eye was deep red and sensitive to the touch; an ulcer could be clearly discerned above the right pupil. Her father had given her from his domestic case a number of homeopathic remedies; but all had proved ineffectual, including Aconite, Belladonna, Euphrasia, Hepar and Silicea.

I prescribed Mercurius corros. 5, ten drops in half a wineglassful of water, a teaspoonful every two hours. Besides this I gave her a two per cent. solution of Boric acid with which to wash out her eye three times a day. In a week there was a manifest improvement. On the 18th of December photophobia and inflammation of the cornea had much diminished; the eye could be opened without my help; the nose and upper lip were again normal and the ulcer on the cornea was much smaller. Silicea and Calcarea completed the cure. —Hom. Recorder.

A RAPID AND EFFECTIVE WAY of cutting short a cold in the head is said to consist in gently passing into the nasal fossae a little roll of absorbent cotton dipped in glycerine.

AT A BABY SHOW in Paris recently the judges decided that out of 150 none were healthy enough to take a prize. The mothers assaulted the judges, and all hands, including the babies, landed in the police station.

REV. DR. M. MACKENZIE says, in "Mercy and Truth," that the Chinese mode of life as a whole excels that of European countries; that Chinese clothing is more hygienic than that of Europeans, and that opium smoking in China is less of an evil than alcoholism in Europe.

MY SOPHOBIA.

It is a recollection of his own afflictions as a child that a college professor makes a plea for dirt. Children, he avers, are tortured by the madness of mothers. They are not only scrubbed with cruel frequency, but are restrained from wholesome play by the threat of punishment for soiled clothes. Nature, he maintains, has had a good purpose in implanting in every normal child a fondness for dirt, and the constant efforts to defeat this purpose must have a deleterious influence on the character. He considers it a grave invasion of the rights of childhood to insist that the human young, who are in a state of barbarism, should look like angels on parade. 'The laws of nature,' he declares, 'cannot be constantly violated with impunity;' children who have the possibilities of a fine manhood are perverted into vain and finical peacocks by the diseased desire of mothers for unnatural cleanliness.

That this desire for excessive cleanliness is truth pathological is affirmed by a medical writer in the London 'Lancet.' He describes it as a hatred or fear of dirt, and has no doubt that it is an infectious germ disorder. The woman whose highest ambition is to be regarded as the best housekeeper, who makes all enjoyment of the home impossible by her eternal vigilance in the matter of dust; whose mind seems incapable of entertaining any other idea than that of absolute cleanliness is obviously afflicted with this malady, which is called mysophobia. That the disease is extending is beyond doubt. What has been called the force of example is in fact the effect of contagion. It is chiefly because of the consequence to the children that the subject is considered worthy of attention, but there is little hope that any appeals to mother love will be effective. —Philadelphia Record.

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