

effort to expel this often very mischief-working matter. The activity of the functions are by means of this directed to this work instead of to the disease. In this way an apparent improvement is affected. Our system, however, takes up a compromise; with redoubled energy it begins at work, because according to the law of self-preservation, the real disease must also be cured. If the medicines are to continue to produce effect, the dose must be continually increased, until the physician says I dare not go farther. It is the strongest dose permitted. He has to quit, and the sick person drags himself through life a little longer. In the case of patent medicines there is generally no one there to give warning. One kind after the other is swallowed down in constantly enlarged quantities, until the vital principle, wearied in the battle, gives up. The soul separates itself from the body, and the life principle dies. No one will say that I have painted the picture too dark. Only one example, which will throw a piercing light on the fore-going picture. Everybody knows and fears "diphtheria". Everybody believes firmly, that the disease can be cured most safely by means of the "serum". But what do we learn by experience? I give here the success of Chefarztes J. Bourget in the Hospital Lausanne. He was formerly a zealous believer in Behring's Healing Serum. Through various circumstances he became somewhat skeptical as to its value. Hence he made the experiment. Out of 568 severe cases of diphtheria he treated 183 with serum. Of these 14 died. The remaining 385 he treated without serum. Of these only 2 died. Comment is unnecessary. All the medical journals kept these remarkable results quiet.—Where is the truth found?

**What, then, can be done, when all that on which our hopes for healing were based, is only injurious?**

The alarmed reader will, no doubt, put this question to me. It is very simple. In place of the injurious, set in order that which is effectual. Here