

She then gave the following history.

About ten days before the men had used the kettle to melt lead to pour into the journals of some mill machinery, and without washing it had continued to use it for culinary purposes right along. The lead taken up by the boiling water accumulated in their systems causing the poisoning symptoms. Next morning the two women who resided in the house were seized with the same symptoms, thus including the whole family. The treatment continued was: Sulphate of Magnesia and dilute Sulphuric Acid in water with sufficient opium to relieve pain. They are all recovering and no doubt will appreciate the aphorism Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

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The province of physiology in all ages, has been the localization of the functions of life, circulation being ascribed to the heart, respiration to the lungs, and digestion to the stomach, but it was not until after the days of Buffon, who described the brain as a mucous substance unworthy of notice, that the intimate causative relation between the cerebral hemispheres and thought received an enlightened investigation, and here tradition hypothesized an intangible entity, which presided over the intellectual outcome; the intellect and moral power were not the effect of cerebral re-action, but the manifestation of a misty, spiritual vagary governing the physico-chemical changes. But a later period, and a more unbiassed habit of thought, has taught us to seek the solution of the mysteries of vital phenomena, in the general laws of physics and mechanics.

As in the fourth century, he who cherished a belief in antipodes was shunned as a blasphemer, so until very recently, he who would defend his belief in evolution