

## HICCOUGHS.

Anyone who has had experience with persistent hiccoughs in low grades of fever knows what they are to contend with. Hundreds of cases have hiccoughed themselves out of the world.

Dr. A. E. Archer, of Fincastle, O., writes us of a case that hiccoughed almost incessantly for eight days. In spite of much medicine and much counsel, morphia, atropine, gelseminum, chloroform, apomorphia, lemon juice, beer, laborandi, "coffee grounds" discharges—there was no relief. After the case became very grave, Dr. Archer thought that epsom salts was the indicated remedy. Two tablespoonfuls were given in three doses. Sixteen spasms per minute was soon reduced to ten, and later when immense quantities of foul gas escaped the bowels, together with some scybalous matter and "coffee grounds" discharges—there were complete cessation and no return—the patient fully recovering. This is a new one to us, and we thank Dr. Archer for recording it. Let others try epsom salts and report.—Ed. Med. Gleaner.

According to a recent report from Geneva, 119 adventurous mountain climbers lost their lives in the Swiss Alps, during the year 1901, the fatalities being double those of the previous year. The number of deaths from this cause has largely increased during the past few years.

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