

The popular press of the country are ranking no little trouble for the doctors by the prominence it gives to sensational departures in medicine. Almost the first question the doctor can expect to hear when called to attend a child with a sore throat is "Doctor, do you use anti-toxin?" It is useless for the conservative and careful physician to attempt to explain his reasons for not employing so doubtful a resource: he finds his unscientific questioner already "informed" upon the "latest demonstrations of science" by the "popular" (if unscientific) press which "educates" the masses; and the doctor cannot be up with the times in his craft if he does not go around armed with a hypodermic needle ready primed for the veins of the helpless patient.

The spirit of knowledge exists every where. Those whose minds are in harmony with knowledge can take it.

A PALLIATIVE POSITION IN CONVULSIONS.

I notice in your *Journal* of September that the *Pacific Coast Journal of Homeopathy* gives it as an experience that in convulsions of children to turn them upon the left side will cut short like magic the convulsion. This has been my experience of many years past. One case was remarkable, the child had been in convulsions continuously more or less severe for twenty-four hours. I made this change and the relief was immediate. Epileptics, I treat in the same way and they are always as promptly relieved.

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(We learned this "wrinkle" of Dr. Hammond many years ago, and can join our experience with his that the left sided position is beneficial in all kinds of convulsions. We once tried it in a case of tubercular meningitis a few hours before the death of the child, and caused a marked palliation of the spasms, aborting several that threatened).—*Southern Journal of Homeopathy*.

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