

what is perhaps better a rind of *bacon*. Apropos of the *bacon*—the Dr. said that he had been informed by a gentleman from Virginia, that it had been the custom for generations back to anoint the children of whites and blacks, when afflicted with *scarlatina*, with fat *bacon*, and that the rate of mortality from the disease was very low in the cases of those thus anointed. The Dr. highly approved of sponging the body with tepid whiskey and water, when the temperature of the surface was high and the skin dry, as it seemed to reduce the pulse, abate the fever, relieve the distressing irritability and restlessness, and, not infrequently induced sleep.

If the eruption did not appear satisfactorily, the Dr. favored the hot air bath, or the hot vapour bath, and the administration of stimulants. As an application to the ulcerated fauces, he spoke highly of the benefit he had observed to follow the frequent application of a strong solution of permanganate of potash, one dram to one oz. of water, it not only removed the factor and diminished the danger of *septicaemia*, but induced a healthy action and tendency to cicatrization in the ulcers themselves. He recommended the solution of permanganate of potash as an admirable application in nursing sore mouth, and, indeed, in all forms of *ulcerative stomatitis*. He combated the extreme restlessness and *insomnia*, which sometimes accompanied the affection, by the administration of *pulv. opiac. co.*, whenever the tepid spongings failed in procuring sleep, but, in any future case, should be inclined to give the preference to the *hydrate of chloral* as less objectionable in view of uræmic complications. In practice, however, he had observed no ill effects to follow the administration of *Powers powder*, on the contrary, a marked change for the better had often followed its exhibition. As soon as a tonic was indicated the Dr. was in the habit of giving decoction of *cinchona flava*, containing 5 grs. of chlorate of potash to each dose, finding that bark agreed better with the stomach than quinine, and that it does not produce the headache, which occasionally results from the administration of the latter drug. In conclusion, the Dr. stated that in his opinion the sulpho-carbolates of soda, potash, or magnesia, would be found to exert a beneficial influence in the treatment of all the forms of *scarlatina*.