

with warts of the same kind as Case I, except warts were larger and rougher, single and conglomerate. Gave him *F. c. picricum* 6th on 50 pellets, and had him take one four times a day. Result—his mother reported that in about three weeks warts had disappeared, and he was the proudest boy in Kokomo. I have not seen him since giving the *F. c. picricum*, and have not had opportunity to observe what effects the medicine had on the throat or freckles.

From the results obtained in these two cases, *F. c. picricum* impresses me as being a very useful anti-sycotic remedy and one well worth proving.—A. W. Holcomb in *Medical Advances*.

The November and December, 1896, numbers of the *Homœopathic Envy* contained record of the cure of a case of warts, on an engraver's hands, of fifteen years standing, which finally grew so bad as to compel him to give up his occupation. The cure was complete and the remedy was *Picrum picricum*.—Editor *Homœopathic Record*.

The pace is getting fast. Here is the *Medical Record* of July 16th giving a leading editorial to the treatment of roup in chickens, with antitoxin, "with the most satisfactory results." But, gentle reader, if you are ever called upon to treat a chicken sick with roup, before you give him (or, more probably, her) an injection of antitoxin, try the case on a dose of *Spongia*, 15th potency or higher. It is not so scientific as the antitoxin, perhaps, but it will cure the patient quicker and better and will not endanger his or her life. It is old-fashioned Homœopathy and safe to tie to.—*Homœopathic Record*.

The growth of the nails on the left hand requires eight or ten days more than those on the right. The growth is more rapid in children than in adults, and goes on faster in summer than in winter. It requires an average of one hundred and thirty-two days for the renewal of the nails in cold weather, and one hundred and sixteen in warm weather.

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