The thing was so shrivelled and very small, :
 Others thought it might be a bacillus,
Or one of those things which the doctors call
 Bacteria of disease, which fill us.

But they all gave it up as quite beyond
 Any power of their comprehension,
And dropped the subject, although they were fond
 Of a bit of womanly contention.

There happened to pass a wrinkled old dame,
 An old maiden of seventy was she ;
She looked in the glass, when near it she came,
 To see if she knew what the thing might be.

She laughed to herself, this wily old maid,
 Turning away from the glass to depart ;
"You must study it well, dear girls," she said,
 "It is a selfish old bachelor's heart."

A young man came into my office a few days ago and said that I had given his sister " highsterics." I am very sorry. I was not aware that I had the disease, neither am I aware that it is contagious. Can you, or some of your readers, give me a remedy for it, because I don't want to spread any contagion, not even the itch, if I can avoid it.

So much for nonsense. Now, Mr. Editor, I want to give to your readers a formula for local anæsthetics, which I find very effectual in operation about the mouth, for which such things are used :

Oil of cassia.
Carbolic acid............................āā ℳiii.
Pure alcohol..... .... ℥ i.

The above to be mixed before adding the other ingredients in order to cut the oil of cassia.

Then add—

Pond's extract............................ ℥ iv.
Pyrozone, 3% solution .... ℥ iii.

The pyrozone must be fresh, so as to avoid any deterioration which might take place in it if allowed to stand open. It is better to make a quantity, because it seems to work better when a month old.

For extraction inject well around the roots of the teeth. Wait for a minute ; then extract. If you wish to get rid of a pulp, for crowning or immediate filling, have a short needle ; place upon it a piece of soft rubber, to act as a compress, leaving only the point exposed ; place the point in the opening over the pulp, and inject the solution into it. You can take the pulp out without the least pain.