

counter opposition on every side, who predicted the most disastrous results; but supported firmly by the Princess of Wales she gained many supporters among the nobility and the middle classes. In 1784 four condemned criminals were inoculated; this test having proved successful, the Princess of Wales had two of her own daughters subjected to the operation, with perfect safety. Some of the nobility followed the example of the Princess and the practice gradually extended to the middle classes, but the fees at first were so expensive as to preclude many from the benefit of the new discovery; but the time for smallpox inoculation is now over, as we have a wiser and safer substitute.

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About eighty years ago, a chance observation was matured into a rational and scientific form, by a mind deeply imbued with best principles of sound philosophy, and a disease mild in form, and safe in character, was substituted for the inoculation of the Turks and Chinese. In 1799, the first public institution for vaccination was established in London, and the following year it was introduced into Germany and France, and the practice of vaccination has now become general over the whole educated world. Here and there, as might be expected, it has met with opposition, but every objection that was raised by the anti-vaccinator, has been answered again and again by the leading minds of the profession. Dr. Robert Thomas, author of the "Practice of Physic" which serves as a text