

Matters Medical.

BYWAYS OF THE BRAIN.—In *Harper's Monthly* for April is an able article entitled: "Some Byways of the Brain," by Dr. Andrew Wilson, drawing attention to the evidence which may be deducted regarding the effects of deficiency in one hemisphere of the brain. He says: "The cases from which one may quote may be divided into two sets or series—those in which disease or want of development is responsible for such deficiency, and those which represent the results of actual injury to the brain. Thus, in the notable case of Bichat, one of the foremost anatomists of his day, one lobe of his brain was found markedly smaller than the other. He was, in fact, deficient in one-half of his brain, and yet his mental and physical life was in its way notably of a high order. In another case, reported by Cruveilhier, a man died in hospital at the age of forty-two, from heart disease. He exhibited no lack of intelligence, yet after death it was discovered that his left brain was practically destroyed and replaced by a watery substance. Another case, reported by Andral, was of a man who died at the age of twenty-eight. He had suffered from a fall when three years old, and as a result was paralyzed on his left side. The right half of his brain had practically disappeared, so that the parts below this half constituted the floor of an empty space. Andral says of this man that he had received a good education and had profitted by it; he had a good memory, his speech was free and easy, his intelligence was such as we should expect to find in an ordinary man."—*Medical Record*.

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The Hypochondriacs of late
Have found a sect to suit their state,
And setting reason at defiance,
Have called their twaddle Christian Science.
'Tis not to emulate the saints
They come, but those who have "complaints;"
For this religion first delivers
The elect from piles and sluggish livers;
Their object being to cure their ills
By little prayers instead of pills:
Because all maladies they find
Are situated in the mind,
And so, by steps of logic gentle,
The spot diseased is wholly mental;

A question in pathology
With which all alienists agree:
Who would a trifle further go
And shape the treatment even so.

Among the true believers trace
The people of the Woodcut race,
Familiar once in daily papers,
But now retired from public labors;
Where each on pharmaceutic topic
(Pictorially philanthropic)
Exported long in language loud
The unreflecting, heedless crowd.

The man who suffered twenty years
From eczema, with them appears;