

cians, chosen by both parties, and then only in case the accusation of malpractice was withdrawn.

The circumstances of the case are of no interest to us at this distance, but the moral we wish to draw is, that even physicians are not always able to judge of the propriety of the treatment of a case which they have not seen; while for non-professional people it is impossible—even though they have seen the case. When a disease terminates fatally, the attendant physician is certain to be blamed for it by somebody. He will be considered incompetent by some—he did not know what was the matter—or he did not know what to do for it. He may think himself fortunate if he is not accused of having wilfully murdered his patient. As to his treatment, that will be always criticized. Why was not this done? or why was not the other done? I never heard of a doctor doing such and such for a case of this kind. I had just the very same thing once, and my doctor did this and that for me, and I got well right away. Talk like this will sound from all sides. Other physicians also, actuated by jealousy or personal enmity, will give their opinion against the attendant; until we hardly know whether to consider him most scoundrel or idiot.

Now we object to such a harsh sentence. It is to a physician's own interest to use all possible means for the recovery of his patient; and he does it to the best of his knowledge and ability. But he must judge for himself as to the mode of treatment. And therein lies the science of medicine. The same process may be necessary to make two pine tables; but very different methods may be required to make two sick people well. Even in cases of disease bearing the same name, there often are found conditions which call for difference in treatment. Of this it is not to be expected that persons uneducated in medicine can be proper judges. But it is certain that every old granny, and some who are not old, will claim to know more about the treatment of the sick than the educated man who has spent a life-time, it may be, in investigating diseases and their cure. The physicians who are present, and see the various features of the case, are most likely to understand it.

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§TALE dry bread is a very effectual check to juvenile consumption.