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### A SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.

Who will gainsay the dictum that Small Pox is an eminently contagious disease.—Few men there are who will willingly and unnecessarily expose themselves to the contagion of that disease—so long as we are not personally inconvenienced by the result of exposure to the contagious nature of such a disease as Small Pox, so long do we consider ourselves safe by simply withdrawing into our shell—Such appears to be the action of our civic authorities.—Such we regret to say appears to be the action of the authorities of our Montreal General Hospital, and such appears to be the action of the community at large.—As to the civic authorities, they have in this matter so far shown themselves unworthy of the confidence of their fellow citizens. Two years ago, the subject of isolation in Small Pox was fully discussed, and Mr. Councillor this and Mr. Alderman that relieved themselves of much froth.—Resolutions were passed, the Health Committee were instructed to seek an interview with the authorities of our Hotel Dieu and the English Hospital,—they were directed to personally seek out a site, whereon to build a Small-Pox Hospital,—cabs were put in requisition and the Committee took on various occasions an airing, but such a thing as a site whereon to build an Hospital still remains in the womb of time.—The Montreal General Hospital some years since, put up on their grounds a fever hospital which is a separate building, it was deemed at the time perfectly safe to the other inmates, to permit Small Pox patients to be placed in this isolated building. Soon however the contagion was found to spread, and cases originating in the wards among