

**ARREST OF OBSTINATE HICCUGH
BY DEPRESSING THE TONGUE.**

Louis Kolipinski says that a man aged fifty-nine, with a vigorous constitution somewhat impaired by alcoholism, had chronic gastritis. Persistent hiccough began, which kept him awake at night. He became too weak to work and remained in bed. On the fifth day he became much alarmed and declared that the hiccough was killing him. He complained of fullness in the throat. On depressing the tongue the soft palate was seen to be congested and the uvula thickened and elongated; hiccough re-occurred twice; each time the soft palate was elevated. The pressure on the tongue was continued, with the object of noting the action of the palatal muscles. But the hiccough ceased. An hour later the hiccough returned. The patient placed himself before a mirror and depressed his tongue with a spoon handle. The hiccough at once ceased. He passed a comfortable night. In the morning the hiccough returned, but it ceased when he got up. Two days later it re-appeared, but was promptly arrested by the same means.—Maryland Med. Jour.

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On Tuesday, August 4th, Mrs. G. D. Phillips gave a picnic to the nurses of the Homœopathic Hospital on the beautiful grounds of Mr. Harry Phillips, Rosemount Avenue, Westmount. After spending a very pleasant afternoon in various pastimes, all partook of the sumptuous repast, which was provided by Mrs. G. D. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phillips. When all had done justice to the luxuries of life, a vote of thanks was tendered to the kind host and hostess for the munificent way in which all had been entertained.

That afternoon will remain a "Red Letter" day in the nurses' memory.

Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Griffith, Dr. and Mrs. Patton, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. A. D. McLean, Miss Kisby, Miss Egan and Miss Kent with her staff of nurses.

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