

"The implied contract of a surgeon or a physician who attends a patient is, not that he will entirely effect a cure, but that he will use all known and reasonable means to accomplish the object, and that he will attend his patient carefully and diligently. His relation to his patient implies that he possesses, and will employ in the treatment of the case, such reasonable skill and diligence as are ordinarily exercised in his profession by thoroughly educated surgeons and physicians . . . and reasonable skill and diligence, means such skill and diligence as educated and faithful surgeons or physicians ordinarily employ.

"No presumption of the absence of proper skill and attention arises from the mere fact that the patient does not recover, or that a complete cure is not effected. God forbid that the law should apply any rule so rigorous and unjust as that, to the relations and responsibilities arising out of this noble and humane profession. . . . On the part of the patient it is his duty to conform to the necessary prescriptions and treatment, if there be such as a surgeon or physician of ordinary skill and care would adopt or sanction; and if he will not, or under the pressure of pain, cannot, the surgeon or physician is not responsible for injury resulting therefrom."

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The Twenty-second Annual Session will be held at San Francisco, Cal., May 2nd, 1871, at 11 A.M. The following committees are expected to report. On the Cultivation of the Cinchona Tree, Dr. Lemuel J. Deal, Pennsylvania, Chairman; On Inebriate Asylums, Dr. C. H. Nichols, D. C., Chairman; On Institutions for Inebriates, Dr. Joseph Parrish, Pennsylvania, Chairman; On the Structure of White Blood Corpuscles, Dr. J. G. Richardson, Pa., Chairman; On Vaccination, Dr. Henry A. Martin, Mass, Chairman; On the Comparative Merits of Syme's and Piragoff's Operations, Dr. George A. Ottis, U. S. A., Chairman; On Lithotrity, Dr. E. Moore, New York, Chairman; On Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Samuel D. Gross, Pennsylvania, Chairman; On Protest of Naval Surgeons, &c., Dr. W. S. W. Ruschenberger, U. S. N., Chairman; On National Medical Schools, Dr. Francis Gurney Smith, Pennsylvania, Chairman; On American Medical Association Journal, Dr. James P. White, New York, Chairman; On Criminal Abortion, Dr. D. A. O'Donnell, Maryland, Chairman; On Nomenclature of Diseases, Dr. Francis Gurney Smith, Pa., Chairman; On National System of Quarantine, Dr. J. C. Tucker, California, Chairman; On What, if any, Legislative means are expedient and advisable, to prevent the spread of Contagious Diseases, Dr. M. H. Henry, New York, Chairman; On Re.