

to bless their stars for having been relegated to the mines at Trail Creek or Pilot Bay, for truly golden treasures lie buried in the rocky bosom of the earth in all the surrounding parts; and if they only display the industry of the sons of Whang, the miller so beautifully narrated in the tale of our childhood, they cannot hardly help "striking it lucky" sooner or later. In the meantime the hardy adventurers who are coping with nature in her sterner aspects, will be preserved from an additional adversary in the shape of Doctor Hornbook *redivivus*, whose presence would be worse than death if we are to believe the "true story" of the original as told in the lines of the immortal Burns:

"Where I kill'd aye a fair strae-d-eath,
By loss o' blood or want of breath,
This night I'm free to tak my aith,
That Hornbook's skill
Has ead a score o' their last claiht,
By drap and pill."

DEATH OF "PROFESSOR" ZIMMER.

The readers of this journal may remember an article which appeared in these columns some months ago anent an old herbalist in Vancouver, who was endorsed by the police magistrate, several ex-mayors, members of the Provincial Legislature and other prominent citizens, and who called himself "Professor" Zimmer. The advertisement was unique, not only in its phraseology, but also in the high character of the men who backed up his absurd and ridiculous language and his pretensions as a healer. Well, poor old "Louis," as he was familiarly called, is dead, and probably we shall never see his like again. The remote cause of his death, it is said, was the fatigue and anxiety

of mind which he endured on the occasion of his initiation into the "Mother Kanoops," a society well known in the far West and notorious for the severity of its ritual when exemplified on a candidate who seeks its mysteries. In the sixty-second degree, known as the "wet test," the "professor" was saturated with several schoonerfuls of a celebrated mixture manufactured by one John Wieland, of San Francisco, which, in the high perspiration in which he was at the time, may have been followed by disastrous consequences. It is fair, however, to the said society to say that the "professor" did not charge it with his rather unexpected "taking off"; on the contrary, he attributed his last illness to having been exposed to the inclemency of the elements a couple of months ago, while visiting his ranch on Seymour Creek, a picturesque valley in the heart of the mountains, close to Burrard Inlet.

He died full of faith in his "roots and herbs," refusing to see any medical man, declaring that he had a thousand dollars' worth of books on plants, and if he could not get enough information out of them to cure himself, the doctors could do him no good; and babbling like old Jack Falstaff, of Greenfields, he died.

The manner of his death showed that in life he must have had a belief in what he rather epigrammatically called "God's own medicine," and as in life we dealt with him, so now that he is dead we say, "Peace to his ashes," for, after all, there are lots of worse people alive than was old Louis Zimmer. He had an eye for pity and a hand open as day for melting charity. He was always willing to share his mite with those of his fellow-creatures who were in distress, and many a poor person will miss him now that he is gone.

SUPRAPUBIC CYSTOTOMY IN CHILDREN.—Folinea (*Rif. Med.*) reports seven cases in which he performed suprapubic cystotomy for stone. The average age of the children was a little over three years. Complete cure followed on an average in thirteen days after the operation. Although the number of cases is small, the author feels justified in concluding that suprapubic cystotomy is an operation which may be performed on children with good results; that one ought in these cases

to adopt complete suture of the bladder, provided that viscus be in a healthy condition; in chronic cystitis, renal mischief, and vesical hæmorrhage the author would not sew up the bladder. As a rule a double suture suffices, since the bladder forms a firm cicatrix. Folinea thinks that in children suprapubic cystotomy should be preferred to any other operation for stone. His seven cases all did very well.—*British Medical Journal*.