

of brimstone under the pillow, and cured by holding a roll of brimstone in the hand. "I have frequently," says Mr. Wesley, "done this with success." Applying green dock leaves to the joints and soles of the feet, changing them once a day, is sovereign for the Dropsy; while laying a thin slice of raw beef on the nape of the neck is a tried remedy for "hot or sharp Humours." In case of a Fever, "smear the wrists five or six inches long with warm treacle and cover it with brown paper," or "apply treacle plaisters to the head and the soles of the feet changing them every twelve hours"; a Delirium is often cured by applying a treacle plaister to the top of the head; for Gout in foot or hand, apply a raw lean beef steak, changing it every twelve hours, this is a tried remedy; for Jaundice, wear leaves of celandine upon and under the feet. Celandine (*Chelidonium*) is still used as a chologogue in jaundice, but internally. To prevent the bite of a viper, "rub the hands with the juice of radishes." "Scrape peony roots fresh digged. Apply what you have scraped off to the soles of the feet. It helps immediately in Convulsions in children. Tried." For the Iliac Passions (ileus, volvulus), Wesley approves Doctor Sydenham's treatment: "hold a live puppy constantly on the belly."¹ This, however, may be quite reasonable as supplying a steady heat and at the same time giving the patient something to think of beside his abdomen. Some reason can also be found in the prescription to prevent Rheumatism: "wear washed wool under the feet"; and for Shrunk Sinews, "rub the part every morning with fasting spittle"; this had been tried; also that for Skin rubbed off "apply a bit of white paper with spittle."

Doctor Hancocke had, a quarter of a century before, found cold water taken internally the universal febrifuge, if not a panacea; and Wesley is a be-

¹What Sydenham's English version as translated by Dr. John Pechey, says is "I order a live Kitling to lie always upon the naked Belly." Fourth edition, London, 1705. p. 34.