

and represents a Puritan Elder riding home from Sabbath Meeting. He has dropped the reins on the horse's neck and has been absorbed in studying his Bible. His daughter rides behind him on a pillion, while a young man walks by her side and offers her an apple from amongst the hatful he has gathered. This is considered a desecration of the Sabbath by the stern father, who looks at the young man reprovingly. See wood cut representation in our advertising pages.

TREATMENT OF DIPHTHERIA.—Dr. Daly concludes a valuable article on this subject (*N. Y. Med. Jour.*) as follows :

"But there are some rules which I beg you will follow faithfully. These are : (1) Give calomel in its purity ; (2) give it in large doses ; (3) give it frequently (4) give it until you have the free and characteristic catharsis ; (5) give light, nutritious diet ; (6) give little or no other medicine.

"If these simple rules are followed and common sense is allowed to take the place of common prejudice, you will save more of your diphtheria patients by this than by any other method known to modern medicine."

VACCINATION DURING THE INCUBATION PERIOD OF SMALLPOX.—A number of experiments have lately been made by M. Gubert, (*Lancet*) a Russian medical student, chiefly on dogs, to ascertain the effect of repeated vaccinations of persons who may have been infected, or who are in the incubation stage, or who have actually shown symptoms of the disease. By vaccinating on three successive days, he says he arrested the development of the disease in 27 persons who were, he was quite sure, in the incubation stage, and in 12 others the disease was so modified as to be considered varioloid.

QUININE IN WHOOPING-COUGH.—Dr. Thornton Parker, writing to the *Phila. Med. Times*, says he has been more successful in treating whooping-cough with solutions of quinine, than by any other method. He recommends that the patient should be exposed as much as possible to the open air, and that particular attention should be paid to the food, clothing and general hygienic surroundings. Every two hours he gives a teaspoonful of solution of quinine, the strength varying from two up to ten

grains in the ounce, and he finds that the course of the disease is thus very materially shortened.

BRITISH DIPLOMAS.—The following gentlemen have taken the L.R.C.P., London, at the recent examinations : Drs. H. W. Darrell, J. Honsberger, F. C. Hood, C. S. Haultain, and D. O. Jones, of Trinity Medical School. Drs. Bigelow, Caven, Hamilton, Leeming and Carey, (Toronto). Dr. E. C. McDowell of Flesherton, Ont., has taken the M.R.C.S., Eng., in addition to the L. R. C. P., London, and L. F. Miller of Woodhill, the L. R. C. P. Lond.

MALPRACTICE SUITS.—We have received a communication from Dr. Whitman of Shakespeare, in reply to the letter from Dr. Knill in our last issue, but as this malpractice suit is still before the courts no discussion on the merits of the case is admissible. When the case is concluded Dr. W. is prepared, if necessary, to discuss it in all its phases with Dr. Knill or anyone else. In the meantime he would ask the profession to suspend judgment in the case.

ANTISEPTIC DRESSING.—Lister's latest antiseptic dressing consists of a double mercurial salt made by the sublimation of a mixture of perchloride of mercury and chloride of ammonium, called Sal-Alembroth. The strength used is one to one thousand. The gauze is colored with aniline blue 1 to 10,000. The contact of alkaline discharges changes the blue to red, so that the presence, quantity and quality of the discharges may be readily noted.

NERVE STRETCHING IN SCIATICA.—Dr. Strong, (*Peoria Med. Month.*) speaks of a simple and efficient method of stretching the great sciatic in this disease. His plan is to flex the thigh, with the leg in a straight position. This is very simple and has been successful in Dr. Strong's hands. He flexes the thigh to a right angle with the body, and keeps it there for about five minutes regardless of the exquisite pain it causes the patient.

QUININE AN ANAPHRODISIAC.—Dr. McKinnon of Selma, Ala., believes quinine has the effect of lessening sexual desire if used for long periods of time. He has notes of several cases in which such effect was produced, the persons becoming