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A few months ago at a board meeting of an English workhouse a boy who had been previously an inmate of the house was brought before the board and asked to explain why he ran away from his situation at a neighboring farm.

The boy could not be induced to speak until the chairman asked:

"Did you like what you got to eat?"

The boy hesitated for a moment and then replied:

"Well, sir, the second week I was there a calf died. They salted it and we had to eat it. Three weeks after a pig died, which they salted, and we had to eat that. Then the old grandmother died, and when I saw them carrying some salt upstairs I ran away."

PAT'S CONVINCING REPLY.

"When I was in Ireland," said Major A., the other day, "most of us were careful to keep clear of the dram-shops in out-of-the-way places, because of the vile stuff they sold."

"But one hot day, when a company of us had to ride five-and-thirty miles, and had already done twenty, we came in sight of one of those cribs. The colonel twigged it standing a little off the road and made towards it."

"Lolling up against the doorpost stood an Irishman half-seas over, and the colonel shouted at him:

"Well, Pat, what sort of stuff do they sell here?"

"Shure, then, captain its foinel! Look at me for eightpence!"

ONIONS AND CHOLERA.

During the last epidemic of cholera in England it puzzled the sanitary inspectors of a northern town to understand why the inhabitants of one cottage in a certain row were not affected by the disease which was raging among their neighbors. Finally it became

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noticed that a net of onions was suspended in the fortunate house, and on examination these were all found to be diseased. It is also related that during a former outbreak of infectious fever in Somers Town and St. Giles', the French priests, who constantly used garlic in all their dishes, visited the worst cases in the dirtiest hovels with impunity, while the English clergy who were similarly engaged, but who did not eat onions in like fashion, caught the infection in many instances and fell victims to the disease. Raw onions contain an acrid volatile oil, sulphur, phosphorus, alkaline earthy salts, starch, and free uncrystallized sugar. The fresh juice is colorless, but by exposure to the air becomes red.

In this connection it is not out of place to inquire what work the Board of Aldermen really do when they assemble and meet together? Let us take, for instance, the regular meeting held on Wednesday night last, when they held what may well be termed a protracted session, lasting, if we are not misinformed, well on to, if not after, midnight. They accepted invitations to attend the B. C. Agricultural Exhibition, which suited most of them individually as well as collectively, since it cost them nothing. They sanctioned ordinary expenditures to the amount of about \$1,400. They declined to avail themselves of the offer of Mr. Bainbridge to repair the Gorge road—the cost, some \$150, to be paid by the city when it should happen to be in funds. They referred to committees a quantity of correspondence, and discussed and referred to a committee the subject of establishing an infectious diseases hospital, the necessity for which was admitted by the Mayor, who sapiently remarked, "it would have saved us thousands of dollars if we had had such a place before the outbreak." But although he had known this he had not "savvey" enough to deal with the matter when such a hospital might have done the city the most good.—*British Columbia Commercial Journal.*