

DIPHTHERIA.

Sir—About two years ago an accident revealed to me a disinfectant that has an extraordinary controlling power over diphtheria—Cresolene. I know neither its origin or composition, but I do know that it has cured many cases of diphtheria, I have seen since. It is absolutely safe, does not interfere with other treatment, and is easy of application.

A tent is to be built round the bed with sheets, the vaporizer inside it, the lamp lighted, and the receiver over the lamp kept constantly half full of Cresolene, so that the patient shall be in a vapor of Cresolene day and night. This will give complete relief in less than 24 hours. I shall now briefly relate the particulars of the last case I had under my care. A boy, about four years of age, was put to bed apparently quite well. Next morning he was found dull and heavy, was roused with difficulty, and refused all food and drink. When I saw him at 4 p.m. he lay in the same dull state, his neck swollen on both sides as if with mumps, his upper lip double its size, and his face a livid purple color. He never roused up to notice anything until I took him out of bed and forced open his mouth to see his throat, the right side of which showed a large patch of diphtheria membrane. I never expected the child could live, but ordered one drop of tincture of steel in water every hour, and Cresolene to be used freely. At one o'clock, or in about eight hours, the child asked for a drink; at nine o'clock the next morning he wanted to get up; and at 10 a.m. I found him convalescent. Of course I give no technical details in your paper. I take the unusual course of publishing it in your journal, because it will thus be brought directly before the public without loss of time, whereas in a medical paper it would probably receive no notice unless I were to publish a detailed report of some hundred cases. It would take some five years to collect these, and all this time cases would perish that might be saved. Is is perfectly safe and does not interfere with any other treatment, therefore I press it on the public, I have no interest whatever in Cresolene.

Yours etc., M. D.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

As there appears to be danger of smallpox spreading every one should have a Vapo-Cresolene outfit in the house. By burning this at night it acts as a disinfectant and destroys the germs which may be brought into the house. The use of Vapo-Cresolene is a good way to guard against contagious diseases which may be in the neighborhood. The following is an article taken from the London (England) Morning Post, and tends to show the value of Vapo-Cresolene as a disinfectant and also the controlling power it has over a contagious disease like diphtheria:

PNEUMONIA CURE

In view of the prevalence of pneumonia to such an alarming extent, and the many deaths resulting therefrom, I send you the following for publication:—

Take six to ten onions, according to size, and chop fine, put in a large spider over a hot fire; then add about the same quantity of rye meal, and vinegar to make it a thick paste.

In the meantime stir it thoroughly, letting it simmer for five or ten minutes. Then put in a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs, and apply it to the chest as hot as the patient can bear. When it gets cool apply another, and thus continue by reheating the poultices. In a few hours the patient will be out of danger.

Usually three or four applications will be sufficient, but continue always until perspiration starts freely from the chest.

This simple remedy was formulated many years ago by one of the best physicians New England has ever known, who has never lost a patient by this disease.

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