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**ODDS AND ENDS IN ORDINARY PRACTICE.**

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**THE DELUGE.**

It is not intended by the above heading to frighten your readers into the belief that a flood of the old-time variety is upon us. The danger of such an infliction, if any, lies more in the number and quality of the drugs and new remedies the laboratory and other sources are thrusting upon a thankless world. Is it because we are all such sinners in the present age that history is repeating itself, or is it because the profession is ungrateful for blessings already received? No doubt some of them are here in the interests of the people of the healing art—that they are with us for future service and have come to stay, but who will venture to sift the wheat from the chaff; who possesses the courage to separate the sheep from the goats? Let us then rest and be thankful, saints that we all are you know, let us be assured of time and place to assimilate the mass. The commercial end of the arrangement may be safely trusted to take care of itself and the times and seasons are favorable to repose.

**TUBERCULAR MENINGITIS.**

No one who has had much to do with these cases has had his faith in the efficacy of medicine materially strengthened, or ever realized the dream that medicine is, or ever will be, an exact science. His reputation, his skill, his veracity, if based on no better foundation than promises or expectations of success in this stubborn and perverse phase