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*Cure for Epilepsy*—Dr. CUESOLM, of Canturberry, has cured several cases of Epilepsy, some of which were of many years standing, by the following method: he orders the tartar emetic ointment to be rubbed on the upper part of the arm, the bowels to be freely opened by croton seed oil every second morning, and a pill composed of one eighth of a grain of lunar caustic with three grains of the extract of henlock, to be taken twice a day.

*Cure for Croup*.—Dr. HUFELAND, of Prussia, recommends the vomiting treatment, with a mixture of Antimonial wine, Ipecacuan, and oxymel of squills, continued until a membranous substance, and afterwards a tough phlegm are thrown up.

*Lecches*.—A very interesting article on the use of leeches, and their judicious employment in the various cases and constitutions, is given by the Editor, the practical utility of which would warrant our inserting it at full length, did not our limits preclude it. We will therefore present its prominent features. A leech will draw about its own weight of blood, and the same proportion will ooze out of the opening after its removal, provided warm fomentations be continued for some time after. Thus a leech weighing two drachms will draw about two drachms of blood, and the quantity which will escape afterwards will be very little more than that quantity. Thus the quantity to be taken may be ascertained by the weight of the animal itself. The blood taken up by the leech itself seems to be venous, whilst that which escapes after its removal is arterial. This is essential to be known particularly in typhus fever where the loss of arterial blood may be detrimental, whilst the venous may be abstracted with benefit. It is also desirable to know the quantity of blood which may be taken from the body of a child or of a weak person.