

HISTORY OF A CASE OF SMALLPOX.

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Disease.—Smallpox.

March 11th.—Patient was well and worked as usual.

March 12th.—She did not feel well, though she was around all day. Bones and muscles were all sore. She had no headache. she thought she had grip.

March 13th.—She was up and served dinner—went to bed in the evening, feeling the same as on previous evening.

March 14th.—Stayed in bed all day.

March 15th.—In the morning she vomited after taking a glass of hot brandy. She noticed a few "small red spots" on her wrists, and a few (four or five) on her cheeks (none on forehead first). They were red and watery-looking. Dr. Maloney, the family doctor, called morning and evening, and diagnosed it measles (W.B., her baby in the house, had measles at this time).

March 16th.—The "red spots" were all over her body. They looked like small blisters. Face was very red. Headache began, she had had none previous.

March 17th.—Dr. Maloney called. Many people visited Mrs. F. in her room. More or less headache all day.

March 18th.—The "pimples" became filled with fluid and had a clear appearance. At noon Drs. Reeves and Maloney said they thought the case was smallpox. The house was quarantined at noon and placarded. Headache persisted.

March 19th.—Headache persisted. Mrs. F. had a choking spell, and Mr. F. was unable to get any of the town doctors to come into the house and render assistance to his wife.

The above history was given by Miss —, sister of Mrs. F. March 19th, at 4 o'clock, I received a telephone message from Dr. Bryce to go to Eganville and get my orders from Dr. Reeves the medical health officer there.

Wednesday, March 20th.—I arrived in Eganville, and after listening to the Board of Health of the town discussing the event, I went into the Central Hotel at 4 o'clock p.m., where I found Dr. Maloney, who told me his course of treatment.

Treatment.—Liquid diet—broths, chicken and lamb, beef-tea, milk, albumen water, beaten white of eggs. Spray for nose and throat, which were sore and had pox: R glycerine, listerine.

She was completely covered from head to foot with vesicles, which were thicker on the face than the rest of the body. On the body one could lay a twenty-five cent piece on many patches of clear skin. On the face a five cent piece would be as large