

cold water. I then put him in bed and gave him some warm medicine, put a warm stone at his feet, and wet the cloths as often as he complained of pain. In about two hours he fell asleep, after which two or three times wetting the cloths, kept him easy through the night. In the morning on taking off the cloths there was no appearance of blisters, nor any skin broken; and he put on his shoes and stockings, and appeared as well as before the accident happened. It had been the declared opinion of the family the night before, that the boy would not be able to go to school for a fortnight; but on finding him well in the morning, were hardly willing to believe their own senses, or that the child had been scalded.

GENERAL REMARKS ON BURNS.

Burns are the most easily cured, if rightly managed and understood, of any wounds I ever attended; and are the most difficult, when not understood, and wrongly treated. How often have we seen these sores continue all winter and could not be healed; as also, burns caused by blisters made with Spanish flies, which amount to the same thing. By not being treated in a proper manner in season, the canker gets in and eats out the flesh, after which what is called proud flesh fills up the sore. The doctor applies his sugar of lead, vitriol and red precipitate to eat out the dead flesh, this affects the cords and draws them out of shape, and many times makes a sore that they cannot cure, which terminates in a mortifying canker sore. My friends, if you wish to avoid all this trouble, attend to what belongs to your peace and comfort, before it is hidden from your eyes; that is, to attend to the canker, which always awaits such cases, and where the skin is off in all cases of burns or blisters, apply a poultice of cracker, or elm bark wet with a tea of No. 3, until the canker is gone. Sometimes add ginger; if the inflammation is high add a little of No. 2, with the ginger, keeping the poultice wet with cold water, and when the sore discharges apply salve till a cure is effected.

I shall continue my remarks on burns, by shewing the evil consequences arising from blistering. Not long since I knew a case where a doctor drew a blister on a child's breast up to the neck, for being stuffed at the lungs. It lingered with this scald near its vitals, about a week; I was then called to visit the child, and found it to be dying. The mother asked me what I thought was the matter with it; I took off the dressing and shewed her the mortified flesh all over the blister, and told her that was the disorder. She seemed much surprised; and I then

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