

subject that it appeals to your appreciation of the beauty of simplicity, and you follow him to the end, in spite of the fact that you merely glanced at the article, intending not to read it. This man gets you by a sympathetic chord and he holds you. Whenever you see an article labeled with his name you do not leave it until you know its contents. It is like the child and the sugar-bowl.

"Short articles invite attention. They are the ones that are the most likely to have many readers, other things being equal we will not say *ceteris paribus* for English is good enough, and stands a far better chance of being understood by the majority."

The brilliancy and success as teacher and operator of one of New York's most noted surgeons consisted largely in the simplicity of his methods. One of the ablest ministers we have ever listened to uses words and illustrations that can readily be understood by children. Goldsmith said if you were to make little fishes talk, they would talk like whales.

#### SURGICAL HINTS AND ITEMS.

To remove blood stains apply acetic or tartaric acid.

Make wounds as dry as possible before applying final dressing.

Rhubarb, santonine and many other substances give the same reaction as sugar.

Elevate parts that have been wounded, thereby preventing oozing and discomfort.

Ligatures are most frequently too tightly drawn, especially in plastic operations.

Use needles a size larger than seems necessary, and see that they are smooth and sharp.

Unless there are special indications aseptic wounds do not need redressing for eight or ten days.

Wounds about the face may be closed by a subcutaneous ligature, and thus render a scar less likely.

Varnell says he cures anal fissure most successfully by the direct application of pure collodion.

The rectal injection of 30 grains of chloral hydrate is advised as curative in the vomiting of pregnancy.

A teaspoonful of glycerine at meal time in water or coffee or tea, will cure a sour stomach and overcome flatulency.

*The Lyon medicale* says that washing the hands with orange juice water after using iodoform dispels the unpleasant smell.

To remove warts painlessly and with avoidance of scars apply a supersaturated solution of potassium bichromate once daily.

The tincture of the horse-chestnut, in 10-drop doses every three hours, is said to be of value in the treatment of hemorrhoids.

Aristol is declared by a competent authority to be far superior to iodoform in the treatment of indolent ulcers and in many diseases of the ear, nose and throat.

Tincture hydrastis and tincture viburnum prunifolium, equal parts, 10 drops every two hours, is stated as excellent for dysmenorrhea.

Dr. Jacobi says that cow's milk should never be given to infants without a little addition of salt to prevent the solid coagulation of the milk.

Dr. Hare says that when a patient has Bright's disease, and requires for any purpose any anesthetic, chloroform should be used, as so little is necessary that the kidneys are not irritated.

In blepharitis, Dr. Fuge says, free the lids from crusts with a warm solution of boric acid or ichthyol, then apply picric acid in solution of from 5 to 10 parts to the thousand; repeat every second day.

Never allow rubber paste to come in contact with a surface uncovered by normal skin. Since it cannot be sterilized by heat, it must be considered as being dirty.

As long as any urine issues from the urethra, it cannot be said that there is an impassible stricture. Patience and gentleness will do wonders. The most skilful surgeons see very few strictures that prove impassible.