

staunch upholder of homœopathy, and the present Miss Barber, so well known for her zealous philanthropic and religious work, is his daughter. The doctor in early life practiced medicine in England, but like our great prototype Hahnemann, became disgusted with its failure to furnish any reliable means of guidance in the treatment of disease, consequently relinquished it for the more congenial profession of literature which he followed for several years in Europe and America with a success which the elders of our day well remember. At length driven by illness in his own family to adopt some reasonable means of relief, he hailed with joy the Hahnemannian discovery, which gave him a firm foothold on which he stood till the day of his death, which occurred in his 81st year. Although he began the practice of homœopathy at an advanced age, he brought to its study an enthusiasm worthy of youth, which never flagged while life lasted. Homœopathy, his patients and I are deeply indebted for his earnest efforts, which we shall always hold in grateful memory.

In the year 1858 I retired from ordinary practice and went with my family to Europe leaving Dr. Barber sole representative of homœopathy in Montreal, but luckily he was not long destined to continue alone, having been joined by my late friend Dr. Fredrick Müller, whom I found on my return in sole charge of the homœopathic clientèle, Dr. Barber having retired to Brome, where he spent the remainder of his days with his daughter, Mrs. Dunkin, and even then exercising a favorable influence on his beloved system in the locality.

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WAIFS AND STRAYS.

Beaten white of egg is an antidote for many poisons.

The oldest medical prescription is that of a "hair tonic," written B. C. 4000.

White of egg mixed with lemon juice and loaf sugar will cure hoarseness.

Raw eggs swallowed immediately after fish bones lodged in the throat, generally remove them.

Man is scientifically defined as forty-five pounds of carbon and nitrogen diffused through five buckets of water.

Mustard plasters mixed with the whites of eggs do not blister, although they are as efficacious as plain mustard plasters.

William Gardenio was the first person on whom the title of doctor of medicine was bestowed. He received it from the college of Asto in Italy in 1329.

The Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, which has been in existence twenty-five years, treated in its wards nearly 1,200 patients last year.

Inflammation of the knees is a disagreeable form of retribution for wearing high heels. Life-long lameness sometimes results from overindulgence in high heels.

The Homœopathic Dispensary of Boston has been in existence thirty-eight years, and has furnished treatment to over 275,000 patients. Last year over 18,000 patients applied for treatment, and 53,506 prescriptions were administered to them.

The Westborough Homœopathic Insane Hospital during the eight years of its active life, has treated 2878 patients, and with the phenomenal success of nearly double the percentage of recoveries made in any other state institution for the care of the insane.

Ex-Governor Flower has made another substantial gift to the New York Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital of \$95,000 with which to endow five free beds. Mrs. C. H. Kunhardt has also given the hospital \$15,000 for a memorial ward in honor of her late husband.

The following advertisement appeared in the *Stamford Mercury* (England), March 28, 1716. "Whereas the majority of Apothecaries in Boston have agreed to pull down the price of Bleeding to sixpence, let these certify that Mr. Richard Clarke, Apothecary, will bleed any body at his shop, gratis."

A female patient presented herself at the Hotel Dieu, of Lyons, for a rebellious hiccough which had resisted all treatment for four days. She was asked to show the tongue, and it was noticed that with the putting out of the tongue the hiccough ceased. The same thing has since been tried, and with success, in other cases. All that is necessary, apparently, is to strongly push the tongue out of the mouth and hold it so for a minute or two. It is also suggested now to try the same thing in suffocative cough, as whooping cough and choking by irrespirable gases.

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