

GOOD-BY HOG STOMACH.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall. Time was when to doubt pepsin was horrible heresy, but now—why, listen to this by Dr. Frelhing in Kansas City Medical Index:

"Pepsin can only change albumen into peptone when there is free muriatic acid. This is a physiological fact which has been definitely determined for some time. Now in cases where there is a deficiency of pepsin there is also certainly a deficiency of muriatic acid.

"According to our position concerning the use of acid, we shall never be able to produce a free unbound acid in such a stomach by giving it through the mouth. Therefore, pepsin, given per os, cannot act at all. It will either be absorbed by the stomach, or, which is more likely carried into the intestines. Guided by these facts, all our great stomach specialists have discarded the use of pepsin entirely, or nearly so. They only expect a suggestive result by giving it to intelligent patients who have heard of pepsin and its digestive powers, and look for a good result.

"When one considers these, as I may safely term them, positive and definite facts and think of the great number of large bottles containing essence of pepsin found in every drug store, he will be overcome with a feeling of pity for the poor people who have to swallow all this costly stuff. Neither the patient nor the physician will be benefited by it, but the manufacturer and the druggist are the ones who reap the reward."

"And what triumphs has bacteriology achieved in stemming the tide of human disease on these empirical lines? Pasteur's antirabic vaccination is, I believe—and others with me—a delusion. Koch's tuberculin cure for phthisis has long

since been labeled as worse than worthless. As a test even for bovine tuberculosis tuberculin possesses only a secondary and not a specific value. The much-vaunted antitoxin cure for diphtheria does not command the universal approval of even the physicians of the metropolitan fever hospitals. Just because tetanic antitoxin serum has failed when used subcutaneously, medical men have felt justified in deliberately trephining patients and injecting it into the brain substance, and one medical man has had the courage to confess, after making a post-mortem examination of his patient, that such treatment can no longer be justified. The serums used for the treatment of other diseases—such as pneumococic serum, the serum used for puerperal fever (the serum which was so much vaunted as another great discovery), Sanarelli's serum for the cure of yellow fever—are all of them allowed to slip into the lap of forgetfulness."—From Address of George Wilson, M.A., M.D., LL.D., at Annual Meeting of British Medical Association.

An old writer says: "When men lived in houses of reed, they had constitutions of oak; when they lived in houses of oak, they had constitutions of reeds." This is a very picturesque description of the injury which may come to us from fine houses too closely sealed to keep out the fresh air, and too heavily curtained preventing the entrance of sunshine, which is almost or quite as important as air. But it is not at all necessary to have our fine houses unhealthful, and it only requires intelligence and thoughtfulness to render a house of oak as promotent of health as a cabin. Fresh air will come into a well-ventilated oaken house as well as through the open cracks in a house of reeds, and sunlight through a window in a palace as well as a hovel.—Health.

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