

GIVES LITTLE MEDICINE.

Families who practice homeopathy are being constantly assured by their apologetic allopathic friends that their doctors are of the modern school and give very little medicine. And we know this to be true in many cases. Leading allopathic doctors are on record in this city as giving absolutely no medicine in typhoid fever, whooping cough, etc., apparently having learned the inefficacy, if not the positive harm, of the administration of the crude drugs they only know. Of course, giving little allopathic medicine is a poor substitute for the divine art of homœopathic medication, but it takes the world in the mass a long time to learn the truth whether in medicine or anything else. But is this giving of little medicine a practice that is at all general, or is it not rather confined to the few half informed of the better class of city practitioners?

Listen to this extract from an article on "Grip" in the February issue of the Medical World of Philadelphia, a journal which is a reformer in spelling if not in medicine.

"Purge well in the inception. Keep the patient warm and quiet. Use alcohol in some form, freely. Insist upon easily assimilable food being taken. Use nerve sedatives which will not irritate the sensitive gastric mucosa. Beware of antipyretics, especially in the aged. Quinin is one of the safest and best antipyretics for use in grip, but really does little good. All the coal-tar derivations are dangerous; it is stimulation and not depression which you need. Quiet nausea, restlessness, cough, and insomnia, by morphine, bromides, lupulin, or codein. Support the heart by strychnin, digitalis, caffein, or aromatic ammonia. The vaporization in the room of turpentine, menthol, eucalyptol, or compound tincture of benzoin is useful. The latter may aggravate nausea, and may have to be discontinued on this account. Have all food administered in liquid form: milk, broths, egg-water, koumyss, true meat extracts, milk punch, egg-nogg, and oyster broth make a dietary from which to select.

"In convalescence, it is often necessary to use strychnin, quinin, iron, or cod-liver oil. Watch the heart closely, and guard the lungs carefully.

"Timidity has no place when dealing with the grip. Dosage must be heroic, and sleepless caution is necessary. The onset is sudden; the symptoms alarming; the sequelæ and complications serious; the mortality frightful. Much of this might be changed by prompt action, adequate dosage, reasonable hygienic adaptation, and attempts at isolation."

The grip patient who has had the privilege of being treated homœopathically, or the one who has simply trusted to the protection of his bed and let nature take its course, will be amazed at the glib references in the above extract to morphins, bromides, lupulin, codein, strychnin, digitalis and the rest, and particularly that the "Dosage must be heroic." Verily there must be some of the allopathic practitioners not yet converted to the plan of giving little medicine.

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Lord Roberts, the great English commander, is a homœopath.