

and zealously exterminated. It was not cultivated for its odour, (for it has none) but for its beauty; and the people have learned from observation that its propinquity to their dwellings was fatal, and the *consensus omnium* has doomed it to extirpation.

I have a seven mile ride to take after sunset; about two miles from home I pass two large pig pens and a soap factory. "Phew," says my nose, "poisonous! pestilential! drive on!" I put my horse to speed, and get out of the stench. I have reached the lake shore, and would fain breathe my horse and gaze on the moonlit water; and my nose gives me no warning of the three mile marsh over which I must ride, but I know that no unacclimated person can dally there without ensuring an attack of ague. Riding by night, in the Southern States, your nose would lure you to finger by the beautiful Magnolia. Be not deceived; it is a traitor. Ride on.

Let us enter on our domain—the hospital and sick-chamber. Yonder case of *Scarlatina Maligna*, with the dreadful gangrenous sore throat, is both *noisome* and *noxious*. Spite of all the deodorizers, your nose tells you it is *offensive*, and your experience informs you that you are on dangerous ground—Pass on. Come with me to this young convalescent lady's chamber. Here are no foul smells. She is as clean and sweet as a lady should be; but is she *in-noxious*? With her dry, peeling, scurfy skin, I consider her the more dangerous companion of the two, though my nose told me nothing.

Happy is the practitioner who has never been called on to attend a bad case of confluent small-pox! During the maturation, can anything surpass the horrible odor? Then indeed, we exclaim, "Blessed is the man who is liberal with his Deodorizer." It is a priceless blessing, but is it a Disinfectant? Upon what well ascertained facts can we base an affirmative reply?

In small-pox, I have a suspicion, almost amounting to a conviction, that its contagiousness has its utmost intensity during the incubation, and before the appearance of the rash. I know this opinion is widely divergent from that generally held. I can't help that; I can only entertain my own opinion, and reason from facts that I have verified.

From your "Disinfecting" process, eliminate the washing, cleansing, and ventilating, and what proof have we that anything remains? I ask in no carping spirit, but one of honest inquiry.