

**More Haste, Less Speed.**

The popular notion which still exists in the minds of the public, even among educated individuals, that a large dose of a given medicine must bring about a proportionately rapid cure, is obviously a most dangerous fallacy. This was exemplified by the recent narrow escape from fatal poisoning of a well-known French actress. This accomplished lady was anxious to fulfil a certain professional engagement, though suffering at the time from a cold; and tincture of aconite having been prescribed she proceeded to swallow a teaspoonful instead of a few drops, as ordered, hoping, no doubt, that by so doing the malady would be prevented from developing into anything more serious. The inevitable result followed, namely, acute aconite poisoning, manifested by numbness of the limbs and increasing circulatory weakness. Fortunately, under prompt medical treatment, the patient recovered, and the artiste will, in all probability, soon be restored to her numerous admirers. Many similar instances will doubtless be recalled by many practitioners, in which such unreasonable hurry and disregard of medical directions have led to serious mishaps.—*Medical Press and Circular.*

**Lay Advice to Recent Graduates in Medicine.**

In an editorial in the *Outlook* of June 27th are some timely bits of advice to recent college graduates, one of which is intended for graduates in medicine. It is well worthy of quotation, and we therefore present it in full.

After giving some sound advice to theological students, the writer goes on to say: "Or you are going to practise medicine. If your patients were all reasonable men and women, your task would be easy: but they are not. Even in their best estate they are not all reasonable men and women, and you will have to deal with them when they are not in their best estate, but are morbid. You will have to deal with patients who throw your medicine out of the window, and still expect you to cure them; in one house with a mother busy with other things and careless of the sick child; in another house with a mother whose weak and tearful sympathy does much to negative the influence of your presence and the effect of your medicines. It is not enough for you to know physiognomy and anatomy and therapeutics; not enough for you to know what your medical school has told you; you must know men and women—their physical constitutions, their mental and moral constitutions. You must understand them—their life, their narrownesses, their prejudices, their unreasonableness. You must see into them that you may minister to them."—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.*