

mental state of the patient as well, drew a half-pint of blood from his arm, waited for the effect and very soon discovered it. The improvement was so well marked that I felt no hesitation in taking about twice as much more from the same place, when the delirium and other grave symptoms suddenly disappeared. In fact, the young man was cured *then and there*. The other patient referred to had been, like the previous one, ill for several days, with practically the same chain of symptoms when I first saw him, and he was accordingly, similarly prescribed for. Keeping in mind what had passed a few days before in the instance just related, one would naturally infer that I would have bled him on the spot, but bleeding was out of fashion and required a bold man to do it. About twenty-four hours after I returned, took a general view of the situation, and, in a short time, to my surprise, saw that his mind had cleared up, and, taking him all around, that he was himself again—that is, cured.

For the particulars I turned to the father and got them. It seems that, during the night, his son had a fearful bleeding at the nose, and, from the appearance of the environment, I have no doubt he told the truth. He further said that he perceived the change or improvement the moment the bleeding ceased. It is true he was thus self-bled, but, like the former, was cured *then and there*.

Whether one considers this a self-limited disease and the proper treatment purely hygienic and expectant or not, it is pretty evident that the *vis viva*, the *vis naturae*, was the forcing factor in the very satisfactory termination of this case.

#### TEETHING CHILDREN.

I have no idea that we are on the eve of a professional millennium, or that the time is near at hand when all medi-