

acid produces no good effects. Carbolic acid is very dangerous. Charcoal is a simple disinfectant. He gives an occasional purgative, nourishment and support—and that is all.

ILLNESS OF SIR THOMAS WATSON.—This eminent physician has, we regret to learn, been prostrated by an attack of hemiplegia. He is now in his 91st year, and, up to the time of the seizure, had been in the enjoyment of excellent health. As we go to press, the news reaches us of the death of this Nestor of English physicians.

ROUGH ON RATS.—In a Toronto contemporary Dr. Zimmerman draws attention to the highly dangerous nature of the compound sold under this name. One fatal case of poisoning has already occurred. It has been found, on analysis, to consist of 99 per cent. of white arsenic. It is said to be “a convenient preparation by which anyone can obtain a powerful poison.”

DOCTORS *versus* PARSONS.—Professor Frotheringham, of the Medical Faculty Michigan University, has got into difficulty by making the sweeping assertion, during a lecture, that all parsons were liars. A Rev. Mr. Morgan, a student of the Faculty, instituted charges against the Professor, which were not sustained, and Dr. Frotheringham has been supported in certain counter charges which he made against his clerical student.

FLOATING KIDNEYS.—Mr. Lawson Tait does not believe in the existence of this condition. He says: “I put the floating kidney theory altogether on one side, because I have never seen such a thing, either in life or in a museum, nor have I met any one who has. In fact, I have no belief in its existence as a pathological incident.” An opinion widely at variance with that of a host of competent pathologists and clinicians.

—In a letter from a Colorado correspondent to an American contemporary, the writer propounds this question to the editor: “You will not object to my asking you whether you served in the cavalry branch of the service during the late unpleasantness?” and answers it himself, “I don’t believe you did, because you wrote the article upon *Equitation as a Preventive and Cure in Hemorrhoids*; not but the article has many good points—only cavalry men do have piles.”