

morning. A snap of troubled sleep, and again *da capo*. Not an hour, not a minute, we can call our own. The first generation after Stephenson and the Rocket pulled through with it somehow. They inherited the sound constitutions of the men who sat on rustic seats in the gardens of the twenties. The second generation—that's you and me—felt the strain of it more severely. New machines have come in to make life more complicated; telegrams, Bell and Edison, submarine cables, evening papers, perturbations pouring in from all sides incessantly; the suburbs growing, the hubbub increasing, metropolitan railways, trams, bicycles innumerable; but we still endured, and presented the world all the same with a third generation—ah, me! there comes the pity of it! One fancies the impulse to marry and rear a family has wholly died out of it. It seems to have died out the most in the class where the strain and stress are greatest. I don't think young men of that class to-day have the same feelings towards women of their sort as formerly. With certain classes and in certain places a primitive instinct of our race has weakened. The present crisis in the marriage market is due not to clubs or the comfort of bachelor quarters, but to cumulative effect of nervous over-excitement."

ARSENIC TREATMENT OF CANCER.—At the Medical Gesellschaft, Lassar showed, *Med. Press*, a woman whom he had successfully treated for melanotic tumor of the breast with arsenic. In his remarks he said that all were familiar with the general and rapid progress that these tumors made in spite of surgical treatment where they usually recurred. All had a wholesome dread of the systematic affection which early occurred, and that literature confirmed. Some of these neoplastic growths were slow in their increase, others more rapid, but the present case came under the former category. It appears that the steel of her corsets had pressed unduly on the mamilla, after which a nodule appeared. The treatment adopted seems to have been caustic, or blisters to the part to reduce the swelling, which evidently gave it a new impetus, for after a week we are told it assumed the size of a large pear, when energetic treatment by extirpation was proposed. Lassar commenced internal treat-

ment with five drops of Fowler's solution three times a day after food. From the very first week after this treatment was commenced the tumor began to shrink, often succeeded with pauses, but still the size retrograded till the present year, when it has finally disappeared. The treatment has been discontinued for two months, and no recurrence is evident.

He notes one particular which is worth bearing in mind in connection with *nævi* which increased during the treatment with arsenic. He believes, however, that heteroplastic neoplasms of malignant character can be easily counteracted by arsenic if promptly applied at an early stage of progress.

COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The eleventh regular meeting of the County of Simcoe Medical Association was held in the council chamber, Collingwood, on Thursday evening, Sept. 27, the newly elected president, Dr. Howland, of Huntsville, in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. Aikman, Ardagh, Arthurs, Aylsworth, Ball, Bird, Decker, Donaldson, Hanly, Hunt Large, Lehmann, McGee, McGaul, McLeod, McClinton, McKay, Morton, Resbitt, Pauling, Peters, Raikes, Ross, Smith, Starr, Stephen, and West. The meeting was opened with a paper by Dr. Hunt, of New Lowel, on the diagnosis and treatment of scarlet fever, which was very fully discussed by Drs. Hanly and Stephen. Dr. McKay, of Collingwood, presented a patient with an abdominal tumor, giving a full and exhaustive history of the case. Dr. A. E. Ardagh, of Orillia, read a paper on meningitis in children, which was discussed by Drs. Morton, Stephen and Shaw. Dr. Starr, of Toronto, the Secretary of the Dominion Medical Association, was present as the guest of the Society, and read a paper, illustrated by numerous photographs, on inflammation of the frontal sinus. In the absence of Dr. Paul Gillispie, Dr. McGee, of Midland, read his paper on the treatment of pneumonia, which was discussed at considerable length by Drs. McFaul, Stephen, Raikes, and Starr. After an address by Dr. Hanly, of Waubaushene, in support of his candidature for a seat in the Medical Council, the meeting adjourned.

STROPHANTHUS IN DIPSOMANIA.—It would seem,