

## THE DANGERS OF CALOMEL.

When the best authorities of the Schools of Physic concur in the testimony, and the every day experience of the calomel taking world unequivocally demonstrate that there *is* both direct and indirect danger *ever* attending the employment of calomel as a medicine, why are the doctors so ready to prescribe it on almost every trivial occasion? Directly it is ever and anon attended with the most sad and lamentable results, and indirectly, there has been no agency so prolific—because without suspicion—in scattering broadcast throughout the land the seeds of debility and disease.

"I cannot," said the great Dr. Graham, "forbear regarding it as an instrument of mighty mischief, which, instead of conveying health and strength to the diseased and enervated system, is made to scatter widely the seeds of debility and disease of the worst kind, among persons of every age and condition."

For a period—for the present, it may appear to relieve. Powerfully impressing the system it deceives its admirers into the mistaken belief that it is benefitting them. But too often, alas! it expends not all its force at once; a part of it becoming absorbed into the circulation, is deposited in the blood vessels, in the joints, and even in the more minute vessels of the lungs, and eventually proves a nucleus around which diseased action of incurable character too often eventually begins, the poor victim never dreaming that the long ago taken calomel had any agency in the work, when, really, had he never taken it, he might yet be in the enjoyment of vigorous health. Independent of the present direct evils liable to follow its administration, we assert—and we have proof which intelligent allopaths dare not deny—that such are the results ever liable to follow every dose of mercury taken as a medicine. If there were no remedy able to produce the real or fancied good effects of calomel there might possibly be some faint excuse for its employment by medical men. But when there are other and safer agents with which all the beneficial results ever claimed for the mercurials can be accomplished, those physicians that continue to employ it, should be, as they ere long will be—held accountable at the bar of the public.

## A PROFITABLE BLUNDER.

There was a physician once, named Dr. Fordyce, a man of reputation, and one who, amid the turmoils of professional life, would wrench an hour from labor to taste the dews that blushed upon Anacreon's lips. Upon one occasion after taking what might not be with metaphysical certainty ascertained of glasses in 'numbers without number, numberless,' we might make a guess if we were not admonished by the diffi-