

**DIPHTHERIA AND SORE THROAT.**—Investigators in outbreaks of diphtheria report to the Government Board, Great Britain, that they were struck, and independently of one another, by the apparently different ability of the disease in different instances to extend itself in families invaded. Not infrequently severe and fatal diphtheria appeared well-nigh destitute of power to infect other children living along with it, while, on the other hand, cases of very trivial sore-throat or "cold," that were perhaps only heard of by close questioning, often preceded, and were seemingly responsible for, after occurrences of true and fatal diphtheria in the family. Especially was this apparent potency of mere sore-throat for breeding malignant diphtheria noticeable in regard of families comprising many young children.

**WHISKEY, TOBACCO AND PHYSICIANS.**—Dr. C. W. Wodlen, Randallman, N. Carolina, U. S., in reply to the question (from chairman of Sec. on State Med., Am. Med. Assoc.), How can medical men *best* promote sanitary progress? replied: First, by denouncing the use of *whiskey* and *tobacco in toto*, together with many other vicious habits indulged in by the people. The family physician can do much, perhaps more than other persons, to improve the habits of the younger members of families he visits, as a physician, by calling their attention to those vicious habits which he may observe in any of them, that they may be corrected at once before the habit is fully formed. Explain to them the terrible consequences that must necessarily follow the continued use of these dreadful poisons.



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