

As to the treatment, this, in my cases, has been merely confinement within doors for two or three days—parallel symptoms being treated on their own merits. In one case the rash was arrested from exposure to cold but returned by use of the warm bath, and the symptoms of nausea and headache removed.

DEODORIZERS AND DISINFECTANTS.

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Your correspondents usually write to furnish some item of information which they suppose to be interesting to their confrères. My object in writing is, not to *give*, but to *acquire* information.

I have been engaged in the study of my profession nearly fifty years, and find my doubts increase *pari passu* with my years, and think I have progressed as much when I discover and discard an error, as when I perceive and learn a truth.—“*A powerful Deodorizer and Disinfectant.*” Upon what well ascertained facts is the propriety of the conjunction of these two terms based?

In the course of my life, I have (I suppose for my sins,) at various periods resided near a large distillery, where swine were fed, near a large tannery, near a soap and candle factory, but I cannot say that in any of these situations I observed the prevalence of any disease which I could associate with the abominable smells to be found in those vicinities, nor that the ordinary diseases of the season were more severe there than elsewhere.

During the seasons of the potato rot, I have ridden for miles between the stricken fields, when the stench was disgusting in the extreme, without suffering in my health; nor could I learn that either farmer or cotter was affected by it, though living day and night for weeks in the midst of it.

An *offensive* smell then does not seem to be necessarily a *bad one*; i.e., a noxious one.

On the other hand, many delightful perfumes, such as the Magnolia, the Catalpa, &c., are well known to be as pestilential as they are fragrant. In the Southern States there is a beautiful creeper, (whose name has escaped me,) which is being rapidly