

Medical Items.

—The mother-in-law of the Mikado of Japan was recently ill. She had 423 physicians in attendance, and yet she recovered. A Buddhist priest located the cause of her illness in the introduction of railways.

THE CHEMISTRY OF ETHICS.—The leading authorities upon the subject of criminal anthropology appear to be convinced that the ultimate causes of the criminal diathesis are abnormal chemical substances found in the system. We might suggest that these substances, if they exist, should be classified as *toxins* of the soul.

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