

apeia," that it has gone through seven editions in French, both in Paris, and Brussels, at which latter place, two pirated editions have been published on speculation. In the original tongue, German, it had gone through nine editions six years since.

That the antiquity of cold water treatment in fevers is greater than Christianity, and was well known to the Greeks as well as to the Romans, every classical scholar is aware. The Roman Emperor Augustus was cured of a fever, and his life saved, by the use of cold water, under Antonius Musa, as related by Hippocrates* and later we find the works of Galen abound with encomiums on the use of cold water in fevers. Later still, we have among the distinguished Germans, Reuss, Froelichsthal and De Hahn who in 1737 attained a marvellous celebrity, by the cure of a malignant fever that ravaged Silesia, by washing, sponging and bathing the body with cold water. Among the British practitioners of eminence, the names of Wright, Bateman, Currie, Gregory and Jackson are familiar.

Although it may be a digression from the heading of this article, it may not be uninteresting to your readers to state, that for four or five years past, I have been in the habit of using cold water in the treatment of Cynanche Trachealis, in its worst forms, with a success quite equal to that in Scarlatina. The first case in which I had an opportunity of testing its virtues, was in the practice of my worthy friend Dr. Rowand.

Having been requested by him to assist in the operation for tracheotomy in a child of about four years of age, on arriving at the house, we found the danger was so imminent, that we deemed the operation would be useless, and, as the parents were strong advocates of the cold water treatment, I suggested a trial of "cold packing;" to which Dr. R. at once assented. We immediately proceeded to "pack" in the usual way, to the great satisfaction of the parents; and in a couple of hours had the pleasure of seeing the little sufferer breathing freely, instead of suffocating; and a few hours later, the unspeakable delight of pronouncing it convalescent. The results in this and subsequent similar cases, prompted the idea that in its dread kindred affection Diphtheritis, cold water should be my sheet anchor (paradoxically, a bad one) if ever I should meet with the fiend. Happily however, our city has been as free from its presence as other parts of this Province, not a single case having occurred here.

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ART. XXXVIII.—*Foul Emanations.* By WOLFRED NELSON, M. D.

Sickness is every day caused, in one shape or another, by the pestiferous exhalations arising from heaps of putrescent matter of various descriptions, which are not always recognizable by the senses, though they are not the less deleterious; indeed it would be a happy circumstance if the odour was so offensive as to be unbearable, as it would then lead to the removal of accumulations which, silently

* Hipp. Oper. Ed. t. 83, p. 518.