

IMMORALITY IN CANADA.—The *Canadian Practitioner*, in referring to the editorial which we reproduced in our last issue from the *New York Record*, expresses itself thus: "The filthy rubbish to which the *Record* refers is in itself essentially nasty, while the direct charges against the women and girls of Toronto are simply infamous. To the *Record* we desire to say that its conclusion that our women are 'victims of a contemptible slander' is correct. The impure and immoral women of Toronto do not, as a rule, indulge in cycling. They might misuse the wheel in gratifying their baser passions, but other methods suit them better. The great majority of the profession in Toronto believe that cycling, under ordinary judicious limitations, is in all respects a healthful exercise for women, and quite as free from evil as any form of recreation can possibly be. In many instances our physicians have reached this conclusion after careful study of the subject, and after overcoming rather strong prejudices they had against the wheel in former years. We are surprised and ashamed to find that Toronto contains a physician who is capable of writing such an article as that which appeared in the *Dominion Medical Monthly*."

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INTESTINAL AUTOTOXIS AND INSANITY.—Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, of New York, in *New York Medical Journal* November 14, claims that many of the common forms of insanity are due to intestinal disorder. Fleeting illusions and hallucinations develop after insomnia, loss of appetite and constipation. These intestinal disorders are generally the cause of these attacks. The insanity in these cases is usually active and the delusions unsystematized. In some of these cases there is much excitement, or pronounced neurasthenia without special delusion. To this excited psychoses belong the short-lived varieties attributed to shock. A case is mentioned where a woman the day after an operation became restless, sleepless, and troubled with flatulence. She became very bad. The temperature went up, the urine rose in specific gravity and contained abundance of urates. The bowels were well cleared with calomel and soda. This was followed by naphthalin, four grains every two hours. Her condition rapidly improved. The thorough attention to the digestive organs was equally satisfactory in some other cases.

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