

results when applied to champagnes and other white wines. it is fatal to all the ruby vintages, which must be coddled near the grate. Similarly, we venture to suggest that cold storage might be excellent when applied to polar bear steaks, but bad for Delmonicos of hartebeest.—*N. Y. M. J.*

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Some time ago I received your sample Shaving Stick, and find it the very thing I have been looking for. Heretofore I was not able to shave myself on account of the condition of my face, but after using Resinol Medicated Shaving Stick, I find it is a pleasure to shave, and so much handier and more sanitary than the old-fashioned dust-receiving mug.—*G. B. Claxon, D.D.S., Monterey, Kentucky.*

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THE BURDEN OF THE SICK POOR SHOULD BE ASSUMED ENTIRELY BY THE COMMUNITY.—It is not fair to make an exception, and require physicians to bear any greater proportion of the burden of a community than other citizens. Custom alone is responsible for singling out one class and expecting its members to give special service of the most skilful and responsible character without reasonable recompense. The old idea that the hospital physician or surgeon derived adequate compensation from the experience acquired in experimenting or operating on poor patients—as a result of which greater success, more prestige and larger fees could be obtained in private practice—has been exploded. Hospital and dispensary training is immensely valuable, but the greater skill and knowledge obtained is as essential for raising hospital efficiency as private efficiency. The main consideration in the whole proposition is the patient. Through misfortune and the force of circumstances, he becomes sick, has no funds, and has no relatives or friends who can minister to his needs. He may be sorely afflicted, but under skilful treatment, good nursing, proper watching and feeding, nine times out of ten he can be restored more or less promptly to an earning status. In other words, the majority of the sick poor can be changed from a state of dependence to a state of independence—made into working, constructive members of society by hospital treatment. The gainer in the transaction is society, and society therefore should assume the entire responsibility. On no equitable basis can any man, just because he happens to be a physician, be expected to bear any extra share of the economic burden of the social dependent, and yet to require a doctor to administer treatment and give his time, knowledge and skill without reasonable remuneration, means just this and nothing else. From every angle it is unfair. The economic problems of physi-