

"Do you hold the same idea with regard to infectious and contagious diseases that you do of typhoid fever?

"Yes, sir; all such sickness is very similar. The different appearances of it—what physicians call symptoms—are simply differences in the kinds of filth produced in the body, and the different ways the body has of getting rid of it. This makes the difference in smallpox and so-called malarial fever, or any of the other fevers."

Now, in this theory of disease there could be no danger of infection. There must be first some displacement; and the sort of fever will depend on what "way the body has of getting rid of some filth." Such teaching as this is a crime against the public welfare, and if it became legalized would scatter all sorts of contagion to the four winds to do their worst on mankind.

On page 20 of "At the Bar" we find this: "I am master in that hour of tension, when fathers and mothers stand with pallid lips and bated breath over the couch where all their hopes are centred, while their little one struggles with croup, diphtheria or pneumonia. My quick, but certain, movements, put to place the distorted parts and the life current, being released, soon brings back to the child freedom from pain, and the joy of life and the gladsome presence so precious to those waiting in the shadow." A child ill with cerebro-spinal meningitis would have its spine twisted by such a practitioner, instead of being given a dose of life-saving serum.

The death of a child at the present day, under such treatment as that outlined in the foregoing quotation, should be regarded as a highly criminal act; for which nothing other than a long term of imprisonment should be imposed. Such practice should not be possible under the laws of any civilized country in the face of present knowledge.

In the hypothetical trial of chiropractic written by Willard Carver some of the questions and answers found on pages 16, 17 and 18 are so framed as to discredit vaccination and preventive serum and vaccine treatment.

The reference to syphilis, found on page 21, is thus stated: "Venus is no longer the queen, before my majesty and power, that in a few hours can introduce conditions that will allow Mercury to remain undisturbed for the rest of a human life. I can snatch from the lips of the injured one of the blighting draughts and set him again upon his feet, happy, free and untainted." Anyone who publishes such a statement should be made to verify it in presence of competent experts; and if he could not do so, brand the statement publicly as fraudulent and dishonest, and calculated to deceive those afflicted with the disease, and who require a very different treatment to that of manipulating the vertebrae.