

countries, and the alarming prevalence and persistency of quackery, should awaken the legislatures of all the derelict commonwealths to the necessity for State supervision. Life ought not to be put in jeopardy through the ignorance of practitioners who are paid to cure, but who often blindly assist in swelling the death-rate.

PAPAIN FOR TAPE-WORM.—Tape-worm is not very common in this country, but it is extremely difficult to cure. Dr. Roberts Bartholow refers to a case in the *Medical News*, in which the patient had used unsuccessfully turpentine, naphthalin, pumpkin seeds, pomegranate root, pelletierin and croton oil. He then tried papain, taking ten grains three times a day after meals. As a result he passed several segments and finally the whole worm, head and all. It was highly probable that the papain exerted a toxic action on the worm, causing it to relax its hold on the mucous membrane. Papain is a ferment contained in the juice of the carica papaya, and as it is neither a poison nor an irritant, it may be used freely in such cases.

WE MUST LEARN TO MILK THE GOOSE.—Fifteen cases of chronic urethral discharge dependent on the retention of the seminal fluid in the vesicles are reported as cured by Dr. Eugene Fuller's massage treatment or stripping of the seminal vesicles, *Jour. of Cutaneous and Genito-Urinary Diseases*. This method is to insert the greased forefinger into the rectum and stroke the seminal vesicles. This stripping process forces out the retained semen. Repeating the treatment once a week he claims to accomplish very happy results in relieving the chronic urethral discharges dependent on vesiculitis.

ETHER SUBCUTANEOUSLY IN SCIATICA.—Dr. Chindamo, *Memorabilien*, has treated a number of cases of sciatica, even including some very obstinate ones, which were rebellious to all other measures, with hypodermic injections of sulphuric ether. The drug is injected daily, in doses of 1 to 2 syringefuls, with cures in four to seven days. The remedy is injected into the painful points (of Valleix), beginning with the highest and proceeding gradually downwards.

TREATMENT OF CHANCRE.—Dr. Willard Parker

Worster says, *Jour. Cut. and Genito. Urin. Dis.*, that chancre is cured in the shortest possible time by the use of peroxide of hydrogen without pain or detention from business. The sore is sprayed with peroxide under sixty pounds pressure and dressed with iodol powder, the same treatment being repeated. All the chancres reported were not by any means innocent, as some presented unmistakable signs of phageadema. The showing made by the author is certainly remarkable and worthy of trial.

THE ALMIGHTY'S TREATMENT OF NERVOUS DERILITY.—When Elijah was utterly depressed in mind, says *The Independent*, and believed that his brave attempt to create a reformation in Israel had completely failed, and that there was nobody left that cared for the true God, and was ready to die of a broken heart, then God gave him a quiet desert far from distraction, then a good sleep, then a comfortable meal, then sleep again, then more food, and then a six weeks' vacation. After that he recovered his spirits and was greatly improved in his religious feeling, his faith in God, as well as in bodily condition. One's religious moods may often depend on the condition of the body, if not one's religious life.

FOR PAIN IN THE EYES.—Heretofore there have been but few remedies from which we could choose in prescribing for the relief of pain in the eyes. Now, however, Dr. D. H. Howell, Editor of the *Southern Medical Record*, has given us a new remedy, which promises to be of the greatest value in these cases. Dr. Howell says he has been a great sufferer for two or three months, with the most intense pain in his eyes. "At last I thought I would try Antikamnia. I was relieved in less than two hours. I now carry it in my pocket all the time."

AN APPLICATION FOR TOOTHACHE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, ETC.—The following, *Coll. and Clin. Rec.* is an excellent application for local pain, as of toothache, neuralgia, rheumatism, etc. :

R—Menthol,)
 Chloral,) āā grs. x.
 Camphor,)

Mix until liquefaction occurs.

Sig.—Apply locally.