

thing, good or bad; and hence its contents are gathered promiscuously from the public sewer, and it becomes a vehicle, not for choice and useful reading, but for everything true and false, clean and unclean. The question is, not what will most benefit the readers, but what will most benefit the publishers and increase the demand. Deeds of violence and blood are choice materials for extensive elaboration. Sexual misconduct and obscenity are hunted up with keen relish. Scandal, slander, rumors of private affairs true or false, advertisements of fortune-tellers, quacks and abortionists—such is the modern newspaper; the “palladium of liberty,” the messenger of intelligence and reform! Much is said of late concerning sewer-gas as a source of physical disease. We may regard the daily press with a few honorable exception, as a great moral sewer stealthily pouring into our domiciles the germs of moral depravity—the more dangerous because commingled with the current news which is as necessary as our daily bread.”

### TROMMER EXTRACT OF MALT COMPANY.

Nothing can be more discouraging to the practising Physician than the gradual decline of patients from exhausting disease due to faulty assimilation, yet how common is this the case. The physician exhausts his *armamentorium medicorum* going through the whole category of tonics and nutrients, and still his patient passes on in a gradual, sometimes rapid course, from bad to worse.

We do not assume that the Extract of Malt is a universal panacea, but that it is suitable in the large proportion of such cases cannot be denied. The testimony of physicians in all countries is sufficiently pronounced to arrest the thoughtfulness of the practitioner and to induce him to believe that there is a means of relief ready and at hand for these very hopeless cases, in this malt extract.

Cod liver oil was, when first introduced, considered a cure-all, especially in debilitating maladies, yet there are cases in which this remedy, for it is a highly useful one, will fail most signally to give even temporary relief. Cod liver oil comes more properly under the denomination of a food, but there is such a thing as giving food to a stomach incapable of utilizing it.

Malt extract from its chemical composition seems suitable to these very cases when through some want, the assimilation of the food is not properly carried on. It is found to contain Malt Sugar, Dextrine and Diastase. During the process of digestion the starch is first converted into dextrine and finally into glucose, hence if the starch of the barley is already converted