

ments, or of papers, leaves, and artificial flowers colored with such compounds. To the arguments of those who doubt the injurious effects of such papers, and who maintain that, if they were really so detrimental to health, their very general use for so many years past would have been followed by numerous instead of rare cases of illness, Dr. Johnson replies that all cases do not come to light, that many cases fail to be detected or are erroneously diagnosticated, and that much depends on the susceptibility or idiosyncrasy of those exposed. He institutes a comparison between "summer asthma, or hay fever," or autumnal catarrh, and this variety of arsenical poisoning. Happily, but few individuals, comparatively, are so sensitive as to be much inconvenienced by inhaling the pollen or parasite from a neighboring grass-field. So, also, there are not many who cannot endure the presence of a small amount of arsenical dust in the atmosphere without suffering symptoms of chronic poisoning. "Perhaps it would be better for the public safety," says the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, in referring to the subject, "and would more speedily rid the market of the dangerous material, if there were a more general susceptibility."

The following case was reported in the *London Lancet* (Oct. 1874) by Dr. Allbutt, of Leeds :

"A young married lady had great nervous prostration, with excessive excitement, and various forms of hysteria ; there was broken sleep at night, watering and weakness of the eyes ; a bitter, metallic taste on the lips ; loss of natural appetite, and often great thirst. She could not walk far without being quite worn out ; and then suffered from some palpitation of the heart. Worst of all, however, was the excessive vomiting, not only after meals, but during the night. Nothing seemed to be of any avail in the treatment of these various symptoms ; but at last I was lead to examine the wall of the room, and I found the light green paper to contain a large amount of arsenic. I ordered all the paper to be taken off, and a non-arsenical one to replace it. With a change of air my patient recovered her health, and on her return home