

After deliberating for a moment he says: "Massa, I go." It was brought him. He drank his fill. By morning every drop was gone. The fever broke. He fell into a quiet, peaceful sleep, and was soon restored to health. And not until then was any one told what had cured him. Such examples as these finally changed the present system of treating fevers. In this specific disease common sense is at last master of the situation. But how about the entire catalogue of nearly every other disease known?—such as bilious disorders, liver complaints, dyspepsia, female weakness, pains in the side, stomach, back, shoulders and muscles, periodical and life-long sick headaches, constipation, bilious diarrhœa, bilious colic, neuralgia, rheumatism, kidney difficulties, paralysis, irregular action of the heart, nervousness, liver coughs—often taken for consumption—*periodical drunkenness*, and more especially the dreaded scourge, malaria—such as intermittent, remittent, bilious, typhoid and scarlet fevers, fever and ague, ague cake, malaria fever, and the yearly visitation of yellow fever in the South, a still more virulent form of malaria.

The above embraces a long list, and the unreflecting mind would naturally be slow in accepting all these as proceeding from a great cause—the stomach and liver.

We ask the question: Do you remember of ever suffering with any of the above-named symptoms while you had a sound stomach and liver? Ask your neighbor the same question.

But little change or advancement in the old practice has been shown during the last 200 years in the treatment of all these diseases, which are with the rarest exceptions, the outgrowth of a *diseased stomach* and a *torpid liver*, the latter being a consequence of the first. Yet they are all treated specially, as if they were distinct diseases, proceeding from other causes than those I have just named. These are generally treated with some of the following so-called medicines: First, mercury or calomel—a deadly and insidious poison, which has filled the world with human wrecks; once taken into the system it never ceases to rack and poison the sufferer until death steps in to relieve him. Arsenic, a deadly mineral poison, but often used. Strychnine—one-sixth of a grain will kill a dog in half a minute, and one grain WILL INSTANTLY DESTROY HUMAN LIFE.

Think of administering such a medicine as that for fever and ague and biliousness. It is done daily, however. Bismuth—this corrosive metal poison is becoming a favorite for the treatment of disease. It deposits itself in the bones as lead does, and entails permanent symptoms of poisoning. Quinine—this drug is much relied upon by the profession. But we deny that it has curative power. It excites the vital forces to temporary activity. It helps to resist the shock of disease for the time being. It helps the patient over a bad spot. But it will not eradicate poison.

The curse of quinine is, as you all know, that its continued use establishes an abnormal condition of the liver, kidneys and stomach, tending to congestion, irritation, torpidity, engorgement and final positive impairment. Who that has ever used this drug freely did not find an increased quantity needed for each succeeding day? As a consequence deafness, and want of memory are fastened in the system