

In discussing acute diseases, Willard Carver states, on page 8 of his "Red Book": "For example, scarlet fever, chickenpox and measles are now conceded to present their various distinct peculiarities because of the character of the germ or poison producing the peculiar ailment; all of them, however, being simply fevers resulting from occlusion of stimulus." Again, on page 9 he states: "He knows when he sees the evidence of an occlusion, expressed in any acute form whatever, be it whooping cough, measles, scarlet fever, that a short course of adjusting will secure normal position of the vertebrae. When this is done the occlusion will have been removed, the wrong corrected, and the stimulus will rapidly restore normal functions. The cause of the symptoms constituting the so-called disease having been removed, the symptoms themselves will also have disappeared and the individual will be normal, or well."

The application of such a theory of disease would be revealed in its worst form in the case of anthrax, tetanus, or septicæmia from external wounds. Here there would be most acute types of infections, and without any conceivable spinal abnormality.

On the subject of chronic diseases Willard Carver has this to say, on page 14: "So-called chronic diseases, or abnormal conditions which have existed for a long time simply mean, chiropractically, an old subluxation, and an old subluxation means abnormally shaped articular elements."

For a man who has been working in a lead factory for years, and now has hardening of the arteries, the foregoing explanation would hardly answer. It may suit the chiropractor, however, who wishes to befool some neurasthenic, and fill him up with the notion that all his trouble comes from some day when he wrestled with a chum in the school yard long, long ago.

In his pamphlet, "At the Bar," Willard Carver, on page 23, makes chiropractic say of typhoid fever:

"Do you mean to tell me that typhoid fever is not a germ disease?"

"No; by the time we have the fever there are plenty of germs; for the organs I mention will be loaded with filth, that is decaying in the body, and germ life is always a part of such decay under certain heat and atmospheric pressure, such as is general at or near the surface of the earth.

"How do you kill these germs without medicine?"

"I correct the displacements, restore nerve energy, which sets up an active circulation that washes the filth out of the flesh, and the germs along with it; you see, the whole matter is very simple.