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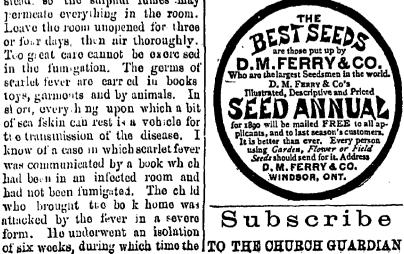
#### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Precautions to be used in cases of Scallet Fever and Diphtheria:

Scarlet fever and diphtheria are always lurking about at this season in more cr less virulent form. To mothers and those in charge of young children, a few hints may be timely Scarlet fever is communicated by the minute particles of skin which flake off during the convales ng process, and there is always danger ut il every particle of the cuticule has been shed. Whenever scarlet fever is is suspected, isolate the patient and attendant, and le there be no contact with the other members of the family until the physician has pronounced the case fully cored Do not let even a cas or dog or bird be in the room. If it be possible let the attendant perform all the work of the sick room. Have a plent ful supply of string solution of carbolic acid, one part pure carbolie ac d and three parts water. Keep an atomizer constantly filled with it. If a carpet be on the florr of the sick room, let it be sprnkled frequently with the carbol c acid also the bed coverings the dress of the attendant the walls and every article of furniture. Let no d shes or trays leave the room until they have been brought under the carbolic spray. All articles to be washed should be laid in water to whi h the carbolic solution has been added before they they are given to the laundless and they should be washed al no. After at ending to the patient the hands should be wa hed in carbolic wa er, and the cl thing of the physic an should be sprinkled bef re he leaves the room, the spray from he atomizer being so fine it will not injuic any fabric or cause When the any inconvenience. pat out leaves the room, have everything that can be washed, room, have thoro ghly clear cd w th the carbolic solution ; then famigate closets and wardrobes and the room or rooms with roll brimstone Every window must be made air t ght and keyholes stopped with cotton Two pounds of sulphur roll, will be sufficient for a large room and a small quantity for a closet or a wardrobs. All jewelry and metal ornaments should be removed before the fumigat on is b gun, as the fumes of sulphur oxid so metals. Place the sulphur in a flower pot saucer, which may be set upon a brick to provent any danger from fire Open all bureau drawers all books and boxes, and take the mattrasses from the bedstead. so the sulphur fumes may permeate everything in the room. Loave the room unopened for three or four days, then air thoroughly. Teo great care cannot be exerc sed in the fum gation. The germs of scarlet fever are carr ed in books toys, garmonts and by animals. In stori, every hing upon which a bit of sea fskin can rest is a vohicle for tto transmission of the disease. I know of a case in which scarlet fever was communicated by a book wh ch had been in an infected room and had not been fumigated. The ch ld who brought the bo k home was attacked by the fever in a severe form. He underwent an isolation

only communication that the mother who was his nurse, had with the rest of the family was through a window, the person who came to converse or receive orders being first well sprinkled w th carbol c ac d as well as the mother. None of the other members of the family contrac ed the d sease. Years ago, bef re carbolic ac d was d scovered and before so great precau ions were taken, a celebrated phy ician had his two children ill with scarlet fever The toys with which they played were put away unfumigate i. Five years later these toys were taken from the closet in which they had remained, and were given to two children who had come to visit at her house These children were attacked w th scarlet fever although there were no cases in the physici an's prectice, nor in that of his col leagues. The cause of he infection was then sumpe ted and the toys promptly burned. The illustrates the length of t me the germs remain virulent. In diphtheria, the same rules are to be observed. It is a safeguard to place ca b lis acid in vessels about the halls through which the attendant has to pass thereby greatly lessening the chances of contag on Above all things attend catefully to the directions of the physisian. Write down all that he orders, so there can be no mis take. In severe cases where there is no trained nurse, keep a record of he changes so that the doctor may know what has taken place during his absence.-N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

Cases of infection that could be a counted for in no other way have been explained by the fingers as a veh cle In handling money, espe cially of paper, door knobs banisters car straps, and a hundred th ngs that overy one must touch, there are chances innumerable of picking up germs of typho d, scarlat na diph theria, small pox. &c. Yet some p rons actually put such things in their mouths, if not too large ! Be fore enting, or touching that which s to be eaten the hands should be mmediately and s rupu ously washad Ws hear much about general cleanline s as next to go 1 ness It may be added that her +, in particular it is also ahead of health and safety The Jews made no mis ake in that 'except they washed they ate not' It was a sanitary oldinance as well as an ordinance of decency,-Sani tary Era,



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