

sense of humiliation and a morbid anticipation of mockery. The application of treacle to the boots, although commonly recommended, may rightly be condemned as too drastic a remedy. The use of boots reaching to the knee, to be removed only at night, will afford immediate relief. In connection with *Contractio* is often found,

Odditas Sockorum, or oddness of the socks, a thing in itself trifling, but of an alarming nature if met in combination with *Contractio Pantaluna*. Cases are found where the patient, possibly on the public platform or at a social gathering, is seized with a consciousness of the malady so suddenly as to render medical assistance futile.

SURGICAL CASES.

It is impossible to mention more than a few of the most typical cases of diseases of this sort.

1. *Explosio*, or loss of Buttons, is the commonest malady demanding surgical treatment. It consists of a succession of minor fractures, possibly internal, which at first excite no alarm. A vague sense of uneasiness is presently felt, which often leads the patient to seek relief in the string habit—a habit which, if unduly indulged, may assume the proportions of a ruling passion. The use of sealing-wax, while admirable as a temporary remedy for *Explosio* should never be allowed to gain a permanent hold upon the system. There is no doubt that a persistent indulgence in the string habit, or the constant use of sealing-wax, will result in

2. *Fractura Suspendorum*, or Snapping of the Braces, which amounts to a general collapse of the system. The patient is usually seized with a severe attack of *explosio*, followed by a sudden sinking feeling and sense of loss. A sound constitution may rally from the shock, but a system undermined by the string habit invariably succumbs.

In conclusion, the author makes a plea for scientific treatment. Quacks and self-treatment are to be avoided. At the first symptoms of disease the patient should not hesitate to place himself in the hands of a professional tailor.

COLLEGE ITEMS.

A "Whisker Club," consisting of twenty Seniors in the Law School, has been organized at the University of Michigan.

THE LAWYER.

In college days he used to lie
On shady banks of brooks,
Which bubbled soft accompaniments
To which he read in books.
Now he has laid his studies by
To seek the legal dime,
And, quite forgetting other days,
He lies most all the time.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

At Princeton the interest in chess is so great that the expenses of the team at the recent tournament in New York were paid by a canvass of the college.

GEOLOGICAL.

A-stratum of solid, slippery ice,
A-stratum of slush, soft and nice;
A-stratum of water over that,
A-stratum of man in new silk hat;
Above, the startled air is blue,
With oath on oath a-stratum or two.

—*The Unit.*

We hear a great deal of scientific lectures now-a-days. This is the sort of thing we may expect to hear when young ladies return from a pleasant lecture, with dissolving views on prehistoric men and the glacial epoch:

The views, to, weren't they lovely?
Especially Mount Blanc and the Alps;
Though the last ones were perfectly frightful—
Those men with the clubs and scalp—
Well, maybe they didn't have scalp—
They frightened me all the same;
And that animal—wasn't he horrid?
The—what did he say was his name?

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