

as is the case with the bronzing brought about by the internal administration of the nitrate of silver. During the past year we have had under treatment a case of epilepsy in a young man. Bromide of potassium in divided doses of three drachms daily causes an intense and disfiguring acne, but when combined with five minim doses of Fowler's solution, the eruption quickly disappears, to be succeeded by a marked bronzing of the skin, especially of the face, neck and hands, which in turn disappears on the discontinuance of the arsenic. Von Guaita says that arsenical bronzing is more likely to occur in children who have been taking Fowler's solution than adults. It is well known that children, especially girls, withstand the untoward influence of this drug much better in proportion to their age than do adults. From a very considerable experience of the use of arsenic in the treatment of infantile chorea, we are unable to confirm Von Guaita's assertion. Arsenical bronzing entirely disappears a few weeks after the discontinuance of the drug, and is of no significance, except the temporary disfigurement that it gives rise to.

—We have at last been told the real reason for our smallpox epidemic. The original recently appeared in a New York newspaper :—

"Mr. —, a well known French Canadian lawyer, claims to have been studying up the smallpox question with some eminent scientists, and the conclusion they have come to is that the disease originated in Canada and has always been prevalent here, and more especially in the immediate vicinity of Montreal. When Jacques Cartier first sailed up the St. Lawrence he found Indians dying off by hundreds from the disease, and it broke out among the crews of his vessels. While they were lying at Hochelaga the mortality was so great that one of the ships had to be left behind for want of sailors to man it. Several of the sailors died on the voyage back to Europe and the disease was then spread broadcast. Smallpox, they claim, seldom attacks new-comers, and is most deadly in its effects among the families who have been settled here for the longest time. Thus the Hurons and the Iroquois Indians have been almost exterminated by the disease, and now it is the turn of the French Canadians, the next oldest settlers. The English people having only settled here at a comparatively late date will not suffer so much by it for several generations yet. Mr. — claims that the reason for the great mortality among children is that they breathe the air nearer the ground than grown people and thus takes the exhalations from the earth into their system, and adduces as a proof the fact that scarcely a single tall man has died of the disease. A similar peculiarity, he says, noticed in the Grotto des Chiens, at Rome, where a man feels no inconvenience