

# ◇ MEDICAL CRITICISM. ◇

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## STATISTICS.

The statistics of the Mattawa Hospital, (which is conducted exclusively by Nuns) disclose the noteworthy fact that the deaths therein are fewer by twenty-five per cent, than those of any other hospital in the Province; the nearest doctor resides at a distance of one hundred miles from the hospital; it is to be hoped that no one will draw an inference, unfavourable to the medical profession from this latter circumstance.

## SIX DAYS' HICCOUGH AND VOMITING.

A gentleman in Orillia, who had been attended by two physicians, with the advantage (?) of having two others in consultation, had reached the evening of his sixth day's suffering; the physicians had announced that he could not survive the seventh day; some five weeks subsequently, the restored sufferer met a friend at an hotel, and was informed by him that himself had died at the Russell House, in Orillia, five weeks previously: the recovered man enquired if his informant would know the deceased, if he saw him, and was answered in the affirmative; the convalescent then told his friend that it was he who was to have died on the seventh day, but didn't; a physician from Toronto had arrived on the evening of the sixth day, and frustrated the calculations of the other four. The convalescent subsequently found a landlord of an hotel at which he was staying, suffering in precisely the same manner as *he* had been, and as he was treated similarly to himself *for the first six days* of his own illness, on the arrival of the tenth day, he joined that majority who need no physician.

## INDISCREET ADVERTIZING.

The discovery, on the part of a neighbour of ours, of the means of conquering catarrh, in his own case, in the case of his wife, and that of other relatives, is traceable to the emphasis laid by the advertiser of "a sure cure," on the necessity of first using salt and water, as directed in our last number; our neighbour, who has obviously paid some attention to the ways of men, concluded that the virtue of the remedy lay rather in the inexpensive salt and water, than in the advertized nostrum; he tried the experiment, and was rewarded with a decided "cure."

## DIPHTHERIA.

Four persons in one family, in this city, were suffering from the above-named disease, in August last; one of them died, and a physician who has contrived to gain some celebrity as such, remarked