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◇ MEDICAL CRITICISM. ◇

No. 16.—DECEMBER 16th, 1882.

A Weekly Sheet, by DAVID EDWARDS, published on Saturday, and sold at Hawkins & Co.'s, 67 Yonge Street, Toronto.

PRICE 50 CENTS—Copies of any single number can be had, in quantities, at 15c. per dozen.

SCARLET FEVER

Persons who cannot afford the luxury of employing a doctor may be glad to learn how a case of scarlet fever has been treated recently in this city, with marked success: the sufferer was a little boy, whose parents are among the few who have paid considerable attention to the subject of health; they have friends who are so ignorant of the subject, as to have invited them and their child to dine with them, although the friends have children of their own, who have but recently recovered from an attack of scarlet fever; the consequence was that the invited child manifested the indication of the approaching fever afforded by the rash, some seven days after the visit; the principal means employed by the parents consisted in keeping the child's head and chest cool, his bowels open (by the aid of enemas), the application of a wet pack daily, causing the child to wear a magnetic appliance as a vest, and applying an electric battery to his neck (which was drawn backward during the time the fever was at its worst), and throughout the spine. An experienced physician was consulted, who fortunately was intelligent enough to express his approval of the use of the wet pack, and of the application of the electric battery: his medicine (which was intended to act on the child's neck), was taken three times, and he paid the child three visits, in the course of which he pronounced the case to be the worst he had seen during the present year, and expressed his surprise at the speedy subsidence of the rash: the child, after an illness of ten days, is now happily quite well. The father of the recovered child has observed that in applying the battery to his own lungs and liver respectively, it indicated, by the sensations it produced, the precise position of the affected part in each case, and this is a fact which may be worth remembering.

CATARRH.

Salt and water, by being sniffed up the nostrils, have, in many instances, cured catarrh. The tin boxes in which fish, patent flour, &c., are sold, by having a hole pierced in the bottom of them, and a piece of india-rubber tubing (such as is used for babies) inserted in the hole, is the only apparatus required. About a third of a teaspoonful of salt, to half a pint of water, is sufficient; this, when sniffed up one nostril, will come out of the other, and out of the mouth. If persevered in, it will cure the sufferer.

THE THIN END OF THE WEDGE.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Revised Statutes of Ontario, Vol. II, Ch. 190.

Appointment of Central Board of Health, S. 12.

From time to time, after the issuing of any such proclamation, (respecting epidemics, &c.) and whilst it is in force, the Lieutenant-Governor may, by commission under his hand and seal, appoint five or more persons, to be "The Central Board of Health," and also such officers and servants as he deems necessary to assist the Board; and the powers and duties of the said Board may be exercised and executed by any three members thereof: and during any vacancy in the said Board, the continuing members or member may act as if no vacancy had occurred. 36 V. c. 13, s. 11.

Recent manipulations of the Minister of Agriculture, at Ottawa, (whose province it is to superintend matters relating to health) serve to impress one with the import of the above homœopathic dose of legislation.

A father of four children, known to us, has suffered ceaseless pain for five weeks, the cause of the pain being an abscess in the bowels; four physicians attended him, and he was apparently so far advanced towards the grave, that there was scarcely any pulsation visible in the case, and the sufferer had become cold; means were ultimately used, which the tyranny of the medical profession renders it undesirable to publish, and the sufferer began to recover from that time forth; the means can be known only by personal communication with the Editor.

CONFIRMED DYSPEPSIA.

For upwards of three years, the subject of this notice was enduring all the horrors attaching to this disorder; he not only went to the Sanitarium in the State of New York, to no purpose, but undertook a voyage to England, and consulted prominent physicians in London, with no other effect than the expenditure of some \$700; as the result of the treatment of a physician of this city, he is rapidly recovering, and is acting as physician to his better half.

It is intended to double the size of this sheet, after the expiration of the year, and to introduce a considerable proportion of matter of the nature of that which occupies the present number.

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