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◇ MEDICAL CRITICISM. ◇

No. 15.—DECEMBER 9th, 1882.

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

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COMPARISONS "ODIOUS" OR OTHERWISE.

Dr. Stahl "attributes the frequency of consumption to the introduction of Peruvian bark."

Dr. Reed ascribes "the frequency of the disease to the use of mercury."

Dr. Rush says "that consumption is an inflammatory disease, and should be treated by bleeding, purging, cooling medicines, and starvation."

Galen recommended "vinegar as the best preventive of consumption."

Dr. Beddoes recommends "foxglove (a deadly poison) as a specific in consumption."

If we allow two hundred patients as an average number for each of the above-named gentlemen to have experimented on, that will give us two thousand sufferers from one disorder, whom they have unitedly helped on their way.

A medical man once told Voltaire that he (Voltaire) had made one of his characters live too long after he had received a certain wound: true, replied Voltaire, but you must remember that he was *not attended by a physician.*

Dr. Morton "considers the bark an effectual cure for the disease."

Dr. Brillonnét asserts "that it is only curable by mercury."

Salvadori says, "consumption is a disease of debility, and should be treated by tonics, stimulating remedies, and a generous diet.

Dessault and others assert that "consumption is often brought on by a common practice of young people taking vinegar to prevent obesity."

Dr. Parr found "foxglove more injurious in his practice than beneficial."

PORK.

Such "merciful men" as are mercifully disposed towards animated nature generally, will be glad to learn that the decrepit horses whose ultimate destination it is to furnish repasts for pigs, prior to their reaching the goal of their career, are introduced to an equine paradise, at the pig-feeders' expense, *i.e.* they are led to such "pastures fair" as result in their once again becoming fat: when the height of their bliss has been attained, they are swiftly despatched, in order to enhance the happiness (and the fatness) of the pigs, on the principle of "*similia similibus curantur.*"

When some one said inadvertently that a certain person had died "without the aid of a physician," he saw at once that he had done injustice to "a noble profession," and added, "*but such instances are of very rare occurrence.*"

REV. JOHN WESLEY, ON HEALTH.

(EXTRACT NO. 3).

7. We may strengthen any weak part of the body by constant exercise; the lungs may be strengthened by loud speaking, or walking up an easy ascent; digestion and the nerves by riding; (as everybody doesn't possess a horse, and most persons might saw a stick of wood for themselves or others, we may venture to suggest that wood-sawing, in the majority of cases, might advantageously be substituted for equestrian exercise) the arms and legs, by strongly rubbing them daily. 8. The studious ought to have stated times for exercise, at least two or three hours a day; one half of this before dinner, the other before going to bed. 9. The fewer clothes any one uses, by day or night, the hardier he will be. 10. The flesh-brush is most useful, especially to strengthen any part that is weak.

VACCINATION.

The people find that Small-pox is not to be got rid of by mixing Cow-pox with the blood, but by making homes healthy.

The Doctors pretend to have found to the contrary

The people are discovering that defective drainage, overcrowding, badly-constructed dwellings, ill ventilation, unwholesome food, and deficient water supply, are the exciting causes of Small-pox epidemics.

The Doctors must be compelled to make the same discovery.

Any medical theory which ignores the laws of health, and teaches that the SPREADING of disease, whether natural or artificial, is or can be advantageous to the community, is misleading, mischievous, and opposed to common sense; and any teacher, whatever his assumption of authority, title, or degree, who inculcates such a doctrine, is AN ENEMY OF THE HUMAN RACE. The first duty of a parent is TO PROTECT HIS OFFSPRING, and to resist every attack on their health at any cost, no matter from what quarter it may come. How long will Canadians submit to have their children's blood poisoned, and their health and future happiness jeopardised, in order that MEDICAL THEORIES MAY PREVAIL, and MEDICAL DOMINATION BE MAINTAINED?