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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL SALE.

A GREAT ARTISTIC AS WELL AS FINANCIAL
SUCCESS.

The Bazaar held in the Windsor Hall, November 24th, by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Homœopathic Hospital proved a great success. Though under the direct patronage of Lady Minto she sent a letter regretting her inability to attend personally. Fine weather induced many to attend, and the hall was crowded both afternoon and evening. Sweet music by the string orchestra of the Victoria Rifles proved a strong attraction.

Facing the door was a pretty triangular booth presided over by the graduate nurses of the Hospital with their helpers. Blue and white were used in decorating the booth, the same color apparent in the nurses' regular costume, which added to the picturesqueness of the occasion. Flowers, toilet articles, medicine cases and sheet music were among their wares for sale.

In the centre of the hall a pretty doll pagoda had a conspicuous place. The pillars and framework were fluffily decorated with bunched up Japanese napkins; a huge Japanese umbrella crowned the

whole while Japanese lanterns lit by electric lights gave a pleasing effect.

Dolls of all sizes and kinds were all sold before the close of the evening, and the handsome sum of \$45.57 handed in by Mrs. Gaunt, who was ably assisted by Misses Nichol, Fisher, Bulmer, Irene McBride and Gladys Stewart.

The semi-circular fancy work table occupied the floor directly in front of the platform. It was prettily decorated in crimson and white with a profusion of most life-like poppies. A busy trade was kept up all day by Mrs. A. D. Patton and the Misses Ames, Baylis, Mathewson, McLachlan, Eannister, Rodden, and Mrs. W. F. Brown. Over one hundred and twelve (\$112.00) was cleared at this table.

A most dainty booth of green and white was attended by Misses Hager, Jeffreys, McCarthy, Mills, Waugh and Robb, who dispensed lemonade to thirsty customers realizing \$14.68.

The opposite corner of the room was taken up by the Palmistry booth, where Misses Badenach and Millar read the lines of the hand for a consideration. And that many appreciated their efforts was evidenced by the amount handed in — \$17.90.

A patriotic table with red, white and blue decorations came next, where Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. Plimsoll, with the Misses Sumner and Plimsoll as assistants, proved that useful articles such as aprons, dusters, holders, etc., are always in demand by selling out their stock before the close of the evening and handing in \$52.36 as the proceeds. Miss Gracie Sumner, following in her mother's footsteps, dispensed of all her stock of small toys to the value of \$1.97.

The parcel table under Mrs. Woodley's management, for the small charge of five cents, carefully and neatly wrapped

whatever purchases were taken to her for that purpose. It has been suggested that another year the care of hats, cloaks, sticks and umbrellas might be added to the duties of this department, with profit to the Bazaar and comfort to the owners. \$1.44 was the result of Mrs. Woodley's and her assistants' work.

The Golden Apple tree was a new feature and so much appreciated by the children that the crop of apples at five cents each was twice exhausted. \$14.55 the Misses Von Rappard, Gilean, Adams, Cowan and Reinhardt handed to the Treasurer.

Mrs. W. Sutherland Taylor's afternoon tea, ably presided over by Miss Susie Smith, assisted by Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Watson, Misses McConnell, Leishman and Prowse, proved most acceptable and refreshing to workers and buyers alike, as well as realizing the handsome sum of \$40.76.

The High tea, under the management of Mrs. Von Rappard, Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. Burshall, assisted by Mrs. Tapprell, Miss Sheffield and those who took part at the afternoon tea and apple tree, proved one of the busiest places for two hours to be found in the hall. Turkey, ham, salad, rolls, bread and butter and cake, with tea or coffee, were all to be had for the modest sum of 25 cents. Experience and the sum of \$29.50 proves this new feature of the Hospital Bazaars worth repeating.

The Candy booth was most fittingly decorated with narrow twisted strips of pink and white tissue paper, like the old-fashioned sugar candy, and did a rushing business all day. Mrs. G. S. Wait, Mrs. Scarff, Mrs. J. A. Mathewson, jr., with Misses Scarff, Baylis, Leishman, Chapman, Dobbel, Macfarlane, Fairman and McDunnough were in charge and netted \$80.20 in the day's sales.

Another "sweet" table was presided over by Mrs. H. M. Patton, Mrs. C. H. Nelson, Mrs. C. H. Binks, Mrs. Holland and Misses Binks. Flags, khaki and national colors gave a pretty effect to the home-made cakes, rolls, etc. At the close of the evening the bare tables and \$28.10 in the cash box gave the tired workers unlimited satisfaction.

An attractive yellow and white bower sheltered the home-made jams, pickles and preserves, \$37.45 being handed in by Mrs. A. R. Griffith and her assistants,

Mrs. Baker, Baikie, Misses Morkill, Blackmore, Acton and Hall; and a small supply of unsold jars of jam, etc., left to gladden the appetites of the inmates of the Hospital.

The gramophone under Mr. Macaulay's management proved a great attraction, and the laughing crowds, who attended the performances attested his skill as an entertainer. This feature added \$7.50 to the proceeds.

Mrs. J. T. Hagar, to whose untiring efforts much of the success was due, was here, there and everywhere, helping wherever she could make her efforts tell. Mrs. G. De Forest Smith assisted her, and looked after the returns from the tickets, while several of the gentlemen, both medical and laymen were on hand to give help where they could.

A list of those from whom donations were received will be found elsewhere. Cards of thanks have been sent as far as the addresses were obtained. Should any one be omitted the ladies desire to tender most hearty thanks for any donations in time, money, or goods kindly given by the friends who made the success possible.

At the time of going to press the net result of the sale was the very gratifying amount of \$751.02. A full financial statement covering the sources of revenue and expense will be given in the January issue of the Record.

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The Hospital acknowledges with thanks the following donations received during November:

Mrs. John MacLachlan, 3 tables for wards, 6 chairs, 6 towels.
Bennett, flowers at two different times.
Mr. Townsend, flowers.

Miss Daisy Cuthbertson, magazines.
Miss Moodie, frying pan, 2 jars marmalade, 2 window shades.

Frederick W. Holland, potted plant.
Mr. Bell, 4 jars fruit, 1 bath robe, vials for dispensary, old linen.

Mrs. Bell, 2 pairs bedroom slippers, 1 bath robe.

Mrs. William Robb, sofa pillow.

Miss Marie Robertson, 2 rugs.

A Friend, books.

From Ladies' Bazaar, coffee, tea, chocolate, 1 cake, 56 jars fruit, candy for nurses.

CASH SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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HAY FEVER.

Having been a sufferer of all the tortures of Hay Fever for the last thirteen years, and now having discovered a treatment homoeopathically which will prevent it in a great many cases, and in case it does not will alleviate the suffering that goes with it when it does set in, I will give latter here and preventive will be given later. For the attack of asthma either day or night add 10 or 15 drops of Magnesia phos. to pint of hot water; dose, small swallow or dessertspoonful every ten or fifteen minutes, (hot as can take) until relieved, then not so often. This will positively relieve every case. Merc. corr., 3x or 6x., dose every hour, will come nearer relieving the irritating discharge from eyes and nose and mouth than any other remedy I have yet found. The Biniodide has also given me good results in beginning of season. Patients must eat very light suppers, remain inside out of night air and keep the bowels free, once every day at least, either with Epsom salts, Phos. soda or tablets of Aloin, Bell and Strych. E. Burrell Fanning, M.D., in Homoeopathic Envoy.

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Dr. J. R. Kippax, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the Chicago Homoeopathic Medical College, writes: “Radnor Water is an agreeable and exceedingly pure table water, and surpasses the leading German Waters in therapeutic value.”

PILL-TAKING AND PILL-MAKING.

We smile pityingly on the curative arts of savages, with their fetichism, incantations, charms and exorcisms, but the physiological ignorance of our own people is quite as abjectly absurd, and therefore as painfully pathetic. It is these unenlightened intellectual children who enthrone the princes of the pill and potion—the Holloways and Beechams—by making them millionaires at the expense of their own money and health, to say nothing of the local chemist, who, in democratic neighborhoods, makes a comfortable competence by playing on the people's want of knowledge and wrecked constitutions. Such a man has his repertoire of pills, which he sells in penny and twopenny boxes by the gross, in addition to three penny, six penny and even shilling boxes to those who buy more at once—a family supply. On Saturday nights, multitudes—perhaps the majority of the toiling multitude, both men and women, take cathartic pills with an unflinching regularity as the moon quarters.

At a shop with which the writer was at one time associated, the purgative pill trade amongst the class referred to was enormous.

Pill-taking as a habit is handed down from generation to generation. The children not only see their parents always pilling, but they are periodically given aperient powders till old enough to take pills instead. Among these poor creatures the superstition prevails that unless an aperient operates seven times it does them no good. At the shop referred to, we prepared pills galore of all kinds and strengths. There were anti-bilious pills, composed of calomel, colocynth, aloes, cayenne, scammony, soap, gamboge, oil of mint and oil of juniper, the cayenne and the essential oils being designed to prevent griping by the powerful intestinal irritants. Then there were strong five-grain anti-bilious pills, strong enough to debilitate a navy, always taken two at a time, and composed of only the most powerful cathartics, such as gamboge, colocynth, and aloes, undiluted with milder ones with oil of peppermint added. There were also liver pills composed of blue pill (mercurial or quick-silver pill) and compound pill of colocynth in certain proportions.

The pill-taker is not the only victim; for instance, the apprentice on one occasion, an uninitiated youth, had to make all these pills in addition to others. The shop faced due east, and the shop door was kept open in the bitterest weather, as the proprietor considered a closed door discouraged custom. The liver pill-mass had to be kept plastic by warmth to enable it to be rolled out, and it was necessary for this purpose to hold and kneed it in the hands. The temperature being so low in winter that a lump of the necessary size was no sooner rolled out to the length required for dividing with the pill-machine than it would crumble up and have to be again kneaded in the hands, causing the process to extend over hours and even days, during which time the operator was kneading mercury wholesale into his system. Worse and worse became the health of the apprentice, until he was so profusely salivated as to be laid up and treated with anti-sialogogne medicines.

In addition to the foregoing, there were compound rhubarb pills; rheumatic pills—containing as an ingredient that deadly debilitating drug, colchicum. Then there were female pills of aloes and sulphate of iron: pill a rooti (pill of aloes and myrrh) was also occasionally sold at a scruple for a penny. There was further that antiquated, country-bumpkin resource of Pil Cochia, a pill mass made of colocynth, aloes, soap, jalap, oil of cloves, etc., rolled into lengths marked for breaking into eight pills and wrapped in lead paper.

On Saturday nights the demand grew fast and furious. "A pennyworth of liver pills?" "Two pennyworth of anti-bilious pills?" And so it went on, and all this pilling in addition to boxes of Cockle's, Holloway's, Beecham's, Norton's, Scott's, King's, Whelpton's, and endless other quack aperients, to say nothing of salts, senna, castor oil, powdered jalap, hiera picra, rhubarb powder, syrup of buckthorn, black draught, etc., until one wonders less at the deteriorated health and physical and mental stamina of the masses, than at Nature's astonishing power of vital resistance, which enables them to survive so long in the face of this systematic evisceration. If a remedy relieves some urgent symptom, these simple people regard it as a wonderful cure, and the shallow-minded

chemist as a prodigy of cleverness. The subsequent illnesses indirectly due to this reckless treatment, are never, in their minds, connected as cause and effect. They have no idea that apparent cures are at the expense of their own reserve vitality, and they are "returning," as Mr. George Combe, the eminent physiologist puts it, "an account current with Nature, in which so many infringements of law, trifling perhaps in themselves, are all charged on the debit side of the account, which she closes with a fearful balance against the transgressors."—Herald of Health, England.

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MEDICAL BOARD.

The annual meeting of the Medical Board was held on December 8th. Dr. H. M. Patton was elected chairman and Dr. A. D. Patton secretary. Dr. W. G. Nichol was elected superintendent of the Dispensary; to report monthly to the Committee of management.

The following schedule for out-door or Dispensary and Hospital service was adopted:

Monday	-	Dr. Weirick.
Tuesday	-	Dr. Morgan.
Wednesday	-	Dr. W. G. Nichol.
Thursday	-	Dr. Weirick.
Friday	-	Dr. A. D. Patton.
Saturday	-	Dr. Muller.

Physicians for Hospital service, Drs. Griffith and Morgan, alternate months, beginning January 1st, 1901.

Surgeons for Hospital service, Drs. H. M. Patton and A. D. Patton, alternate months, beginning January 1st, 1901. Drs. Griffith and H. M. Patton to take January 1901 in their respective services.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG.

Early impressions are very enduring, and can make useful habits as well as evil ones a sort of second nature. In order to forestall the chief danger of indoor life, make your children love-sick after fresh air; make them associate the idea of musty rooms with prison life, punishment and sickness. Open a window before they complain of headache or nausea; promise them a woodland excursion as a reward of exceptionally good behavior. Save your best sweetmeats for outdoor festivals. By the witchery of associated ideas a boy can come to regard the lonely shade tree as a primary requisite to the enjoyment of a good story book. "Or, mes pensées ne veulent jamais aller qu'avec mes jambes," says Rousseau ("Only the movement of my feet seem to set my brains agoing"), and it is just as easy to think, debate, rehearse, etc., walking as sitting; the peripatetic philosophers derived their name from their pedestrian proclivities and the stoic sect from their master's predilection for an open porch. Children who have been brought up in hygienic homes not rarely "feel as if they were going to be choked" in unventilated rooms, and I would take good care not to cure them of such salutary idiosyncrasies.—Dr. Oswald.

DANGER OF ANTITOXIN.

At a meeting of the Medical Association of Greater New York, reported in Pediatrics of July, Dr. Jos. E. Winters, after relating a case of death from antitoxin, said:

"There are plenty of other fatal cases due to antitoxin. Hubbard reported three in which the patients died in convulsions. Craig, of Jersey City, who

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was originally an ardent advocate of antitoxin, has reported that in the last five cases in which he had employed it the patients died with suppression of urine. In another case seen in consultation the same results followed its use. Sewell, of New Canaan, Conn., reported five deaths in seven cases in which antitoxin was used."

He said cases of this kind might be recited the whole evening, and that antitoxin dissolved the blood corpuscles, and therefore was "dangerous."

A curious fact concerning this remedy, probably due to the hurrah! send-off it was given by sensational newspapers, is that the public in many cases demand it. Dr. Rupp said on this point that he had recently received a letter from a physician practicing in a Vermont village, in which he stated that if he declined to give antitoxin to any case of diphtheria to which he was called he felt perfectly sure that he would have a lawsuit on his hands within twenty-four hours. Curious state of affairs!—Homœo. Envoy.

THE MELILOTUS HEADACHE.

A tall, blonde young woman, aged nineteen, has, for several years, had frequent, severe, nervous, congestive headaches—from two to four per month. These attacks are so severe that she must take to her bed until relieved, a matter of twenty-four hours or so. The pain is mostly in the temples and frontal region. It is a congested, full sensation, the face is flushed, and she feels stupid and drowsy and sometimes has much nausea. Very trivial things seem to provoke the attacks. Two competent oculists each fitted spectacles, assuring her that the cause would thus be removed. A dentist thought the cause was to be found in the teeth, so he removed and replaced fillings and made repairs. Many drugs and various forms of diet were tried. More out-of-door exercise and less application to study were ordered. None of these gave relief. Melilotus was prescribed. It was given in the 4x dilution and since taking this remedy, now six months, she has had but two attacks and both of these were very mild.—Dr. C. F. Barker in the Clinique.

HINTS.

Dr. Burnett, in his work on Gout, mentions *Hydrangea arborescens* as a great remedy for prostatic-bladder-urinary troubles of men. He says: "I first used the *Hydrangea* in urinary troubles more than twenty years ago at the suggestion of the late Dr. Henry Thomas, who held it in very high esteem. Elderly gentlemen with prostatic troubles came to him from far and near, and they mostly got *Hydrangea*." About five drops of the tincture in water twice a day.

The provers of *Chelidonium* all experience extremely cold feet; one of them who was subject to cold feet was cured by the proving. Hence *Chelidonium* 3 ought to cure abnormally cold feet.

Chelidonium is a remedy for occipital headache, i.e., headache in the back part of the head, involving, perhaps, the nape of the neck.

Itching as from flea-bites; itching military rash; itching in spots, *Mezereum*.

Fingers drawn together as from a spasm; almost paralyzed, *Phosphorus*.

Drawing pains from knees down to feet, *Phosphorus*.

Burning sensation in eyes and eyelids, *Sulphur*.

Oppressed breathing and constriction of the chest, *Zincum*.

Sensation of an over-full bladder which does not disappear on urinating, *Digitalis*.

When a headache seems to be largely in the scalp *Carbo veg.* may relieve.—Homœo Envoy.

WHY NOT?

"Senator Gallinger introduced a bill providing for a commission to ascertain what legislation is necessary to secure a uniform standard in the practice of medicine and surgery in the United States."—Ex.

The Senator ought to introduce a bill at the next meeting to regulate religion and make it uniform. A commission of big-wigs could just determine which religion sent people to heaven, and then compel all to conform to it.—Homœo. Envoy.

DANGERS OF QUININE.

On page 319 of the Canadian Journal of Medicine and Surgery, Dr. A. J. Harrington says:

"The craze for ingesting Quinine in every possible disease has caused an enormous amount of nervous disorder among business men, who keep the drug in their pockets just as they do car tickets.

"Many of the most serious cases which come under my notice are due to this drug. I feel safe in asserting that Quinine causes more trouble to the community than morphine, although we do not hear so much about it. Drinkers and toppers of Opium and Cocaine are spotted by most of their acquaintances, but the nerve tremor due to the salts of Cinchona are put down to overwork, etc. Even medical men are frequently deceived by the symptoms, for I have had many cases sent to me where the cause was never suspected by the family doctor."

STATISTICS PROVE IT.

The Southwestern Progressive Medical Journal, of the eclectic faith, after condemning the Allopathic treatment of cholera infantum turns to and gravely ridicules the homoeopathic treatment of the same disease, and concludes by asserting that the proper treatment is "antiseptic" aided by Nux vomica and an infusion of peach leaves. The only way of settling such matters, of determining the value of any treatment, is by the results, and these in cholera infantum, as in other diseases, are so far superior under Homoeopathy as to leave no opening for discussion. The individualizing of patients, or therapeutically treating them according to symptoms, may seem absurd to men who practically know nothing about it, but that does not affect the result. The child has a better chance for its life under Homoeopathy than any other treatment, as figures demonstrate.—Homoeo Envoy.

When the body falls sick, we know the soul languished first, and the true physician must minister to both. When the doctor has inspected his patient, and prescribed his remedies, he has only done half his duty. He must try to bring into the sick-room a bright, breezy, invigorating atmosphere. His pleasant smile, beaming look and cheerful inquiry are soul tonics. His hearty certainty that things are going on well, his happy face, his kindly sympathy, his warm hand-clasp, his genuine interest, his little jokes and anecdotes, how they exhilarate the patient, and quicken his interest in life! How much faster the time flies after the doctor has come and left sunshine behind him; how keen and pleasant the anticipation of his visits!

PETROLEUM DRINKERS.

The Medical Society of Paris has expressed the opinion that it is necessary to adopt some measures against the alarming spread of petroleum drinking. At first it was thought that this habit had sprung up from the increased taxation on alcohol, but an investigation showed that this was not the case; the habit had been prevalent some time previous in the suburban town of Bastille, and had spread with great rapidity. The victim of the petroleum habit does not become brutal, only morose. The opinions differ among the physicians as regards the effects of petroleum drinking on the human system, but they all agree on the harmfulness of this new vice.

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CORRUPT MEDICINE.

Everything grows by what it feeds on. A corrupt philosophy and a perverted practice are sure to terminate in cruelty and wrong.

The illogical theory of bacterial pathology was followed by a vigorous attempt to introduce animal serums, glandular extracts and similar nasty products as therapeutic agents.

Men cannot handle pitch without being defiled, nor dally with false ideas, entertain monstrous conceptions, without being more or less influenced in their daily walk thereby.—Medical Brief.

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