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# ◇ MEDICAL CRITICISM. ◇

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Probably no member of the Ontarian Legislature could confer a greater benefit on the community than by moving for a commission of enquiry, into the working of the Medical Act, and that of the Vaccination and Inoculation Act.

## PORK.

Hundreds of pigs in the environs of Toronto, are habitually fed on the carcasses of horses, and on the mortal remains of any other animal (including swine) that comes within the range of the pigs' caterer; it is quite immaterial whether the deceased quadrupeds died of consumption, or any other form of disease, as porkers are not epicures. As it is probable that a reciprocity treaty will be established between the pig-feeders and the dog, cat, and rat-catchers, persons who may lose their pugs, their Skye-terriers, or their tabbies, if they should be doomed never again to see their favorites *under* their table, have yet a prospect of having them served up in the transformed condition of pork chops. In grateful recognition of the support rendered by the swine to the doctors, the least the profession can do is to depict them as supporters to their coat of arms.

## THE HOSPITAL—TORONTO.

Perhaps it might be beneficial to the patients in the above-named institution, if the Doctors' instructions with regard to the administering of medicine were carried out within a fortnight of the said instructions being given.

Of 135 forms of disease described by Prof. Eberle,\* of the Allopathic school of medicine, in his "Theory and practice of medicine," the Professor states that 42 are traceable to the medicines used to cure them. Dr. Dunglison, the standard authority of the Allopaths, in his "Theory and practice of medicine," traces 30 forms of disease to the following remedies (?)—Mercury, lead, arsenic, tobacco, blood-letting, ergot, *i.e.*, spurred rye, copper, antimony, cantharides, or Spanish fly, opium, nux vomica, strychnia, Brucia, alcohol, and acupuncture.

\* Late member of the American Philosophical Society; of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia; corresponding member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Berlin, etc., etc.

"Popular belief in the wisdom of vaccination has received a severe blow in Germany, where a large number of children (those vaccinated for the first time, and others revaccinated after an interval of twelve years) have fallen dangerously ill. The flesh about the punctured part decaying and sloughing off, and the bodies being covered with sores and boils. It is thought unlikely that any of the children will recover. Impure virus appears to have been the cause of this calamitous event."—*Toronto World* of 8th Nov.

An important question for us all to ask is. Where is the pure virus?

## REV. JOHN WESLEY,

ON HEALTH.

[EXTRACT NO. 2.]

Without any concern about the obliging or disobliging any man living, a mean hand has made here some little attempt toward a plain and easy way of curing most diseases. I have only consulted herein experience, common sense, and the common interest of mankind. And supposing they can be cured this easy way, who would desire to use any other? Who would not wish to have a physician always in his house, and one who attends without fee or reward? To be able (unless in some few complicated cases) to prescribe for his family as well as himself? Experience shows that one thing will cure most disorders, at least as well as twenty put together. Then why do you add the other nineteen? Only to swell the apothecary's bill? Nay, possibly, on purpose to prolong the distemper, that the doctor and he may divide the spoil. (Mr. Wesley was probably unaware of the remedy for this medical malady which is adopted in China—that of suspending payment to the doctors during illness, and paying them when well.) Mr. Wesley proceeds to give "a few plain rules" of living, which he tells us are chiefly transcribed from Dr. Cheyne. Some of these appear to be superfluous: we must therefore be content to make selections:—1. All pickled, smoked, salted, and highly-seasoned food is unwholesome. 2. For studious persons, about eight ounces of animal food, and twelve of vegetable, in twenty-four hours, is sufficient. 3. Water is the wholesomest of all drinks: quickens the appetite, and strengthens the digestion most. 4. Strong, and more especially spirituous liquors, are a certain, though slow poison. 5. Experience shows there is seldom any danger in leaving them off suddenly. 6. Coffee and tea are extremely hurtful to persons of weak nerves.

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