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# "PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY PREPARED," AND TRANSLATED.

As our legislators evince their paternal interest in their constituents by enacting that the said constituents shall be informed what proportion of chicory is mixed with their coffee, they may be expected, in their more luminous moments, to conclude that it is worth while for those of the constituents who take medicine, to know what they are taking. Until these luminous moments arrive, it is probable that we shall anticipate a clause in the medical reform-bill of the future, by "carefully" prescribing, for *our readers, and translating* as we proceed. Let them "use as directed," the following prescription :—

## PEPSINE,—SIX [6] GRAINS.

Lanquid ladies who have become a prey to that insidious disease, consumption, and who may be seeking aid from pepsine, in relation to their digestive powers, will feel reassured as to its virtue, when they learn that the compound is the felicitous result of scraping the stomachs of pigs; the last repast of the luckless porker may not improbably have been made from the lungs of a consumptive cow, so that the suffering ladies can, if so disposed, apply the principle of "similia similibus curantur," (like disorders are cured by their like) under the circumstances.

#### MORPHINE, —ONE-HALF $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ GRAIN.

The euphonious name given to this product of opium, is traceable to the learning acquired by the medical practitioners, while passing through college; it is named after *Morpheus*, the god of sleep, and as a not infrequent consequence of its administration is a sleep from which the sufferers do not wake, no one can affirm that it is not well named.

AROMATIC SPIRIT OF AMMONIA, -TWO [2] DRACHMS.

In the case of Ammonia again, it ought to be consolitary to all who are induced to imbibe this liquid, that the classical attainments of their medical advisers have enabled them to dignify the droppings of horses, whence it is obtained, with "the style and title" of Jupiter Ammon.

# "M. D.," "F. R. S."

A village tavern-keeper in the West of England, who had attached the degrees of "M.D." and "F.R.S." to his sign, on receiving a remonstrance from another "M.D.," for causing this distinction to float upon the breeze, affirmed that he was as much entitled to it as the remonstrant, seeing that he was Drum Major, Royal Scotch Fusileers.

A single doctor like a sculler plies, The patient lingers, and by inches dies; But two physicians, like a pair of oars, Waft him with swiftness to the Stygian shores.

# VACCINATION.

The Doctors find that Vaccination is the means of communicating serious and loathsome disorders, such as Skin disease, Scrofula, Syphilis, and Pyæmia.

# The People have already made the same discovery.

The Doctors have "discovered" that arm-to-arm Vaccination has lost its protective virtue, and are recommending *Vaccination from* the Calf.

The People are finding out that this is only a new imposture.

The Doctors discovered that a Small-pox panic was worth ten million dollars, in the form of Vaccination Fees and medical attendance on the re-vaccinated sufferers.

#### Which the People cannot deny.

The Doctors discovered that by a liberal expenditure of the Public Funds in posters, hand-bills, *memoranda*, and advertisements, this panic could be maintained.

## The People have found the same.

The Doctors have discovered that in order to keep up Vaccination, the articles of the Vaccine Creed must be changed every year.

## The People find the same.

The Doctors found that the people would not submit to Vaccination without coercion by fines, seizure of goods, or imprisonment.

## From which enslavement the People demand deliverance.

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