

# PHYSICIANS OF OLD

## THE PIONEER DOCTOR WAS IN CLASS BY HIMSELF.

In Spite of His Many Handicaps, He Battled Successfully with Disease—His Limited Knowledge of Materia Medica.

The pioneer physician waged an unequal war against disease because of his limited knowledge and equipment for fighting it. He was something of a botanist and gathered many of the herbs he used in the woods during mild months, and from his book of recipes compounded many a drastic dose. He relied largely on his common sense, the rarest quality to be found in men to this day.

This self-reliance built up an individuality, a strong personality, often peculiar and sometimes eccentric. He knew his patients, he studied their peculiarities as well as their ailments, and the combined knowledge gave him a marked degree of success.

The early doctor had limited knowledge of materia medica. His supply consisted of medicines of his own compounding; also calomel, Dover's powders, lobelia and tartar emetic, which took hold; powerful, blistering salve, a pair of old turnkeys for extracting the most recalcitrant root, and spring and thumb lances for bleeding. Everybody had to be bled, sick or well.

The treatment of some cases—well, typhoid fever, for instance, was heroic and unique. Every particle of water was taken away from the patient being consumed by the awful fever. Wasted with the disease and weakened by its ravages, he was bled for a half-pint to a quart to further weaken him.

He was dosed with calomel till he was a robin's egg blue and his teeth loosened. But, notwithstanding, he generally got well, in spite of the doctor, rather than with his assistance, for he was of a hardy race.

But this treatment was the exception rather than the rule. The doctor's doses were drastic and mainly of his own compounding, and being vegetable and from the earth, earthy, they were well suited to man's needs.

Bleeding commenced to go out of general fashion about 1850. Twenty-five cents was the bleeding fee. Visits in town, a similar amount, and country rides, 25 cents a mile; obstetric fee, five dollars. There were few medical colleges in the land and some of the most successful country doctors never saw the inside of one.

When the law was passed requiring the registering of diplomas with the prothonotary of the judicial district, some of the most expert of the old-fashioned doctors had none to register. The law allowed them to practice as before, which they did to the end, which leads to the suspicion that some of our best doctors are born, not made.

No preliminary education was required. A man went and read in the doctor's office and a few text-books the early doctor had, followed his preceptor around and watched him carefully, studying his book of recipes for compounding dope.

Then the doctor started out his student on some of the simpler cases, like measles, whooping cough and mumps, till the young man thought himself qualified to do the trick alone and then went elsewhere and hung out his sign with "Dr." in front of his name.

It is amazing to think how some of these doctors, with limited advantages and crude equipment, tied arteries, set difficult fractures, amputated limbs by the light of barn lanterns with instruments and bandages fished out of saddlebags or greatcoat pockets.

They must have been reeking with germs, if there is anything in the germ theory, and yet cases of blood poisoning were comparatively unknown then.

### The Heritage of the Centuries.

Every city in Australia should be an ideal and model municipality. The cities of that vast commonwealth are heirs to the greatest heritage of the centuries. In planting their centers of human life and activity they have had the best of all forms of government to draw from and living illustrations of the worst to avoid. But the seeds of an old world city are not only sown, but, alas! the tree of city problems flourishes on all sides. Yes, the evil of human beings sweated into eternity looms large upon the horizon of city reforms. The unbridled spirit of gambling is abroad. Youths are in the swim of the relentless desire to get "something for nothing." The drink curse has created the slum.—The Sunday Strand.

### Wise Move.

Dumley—I don't understand how you could possibly laugh so heartily at that poor joke of Mutley's.

Wise—I had to, in self-defense.

Dumley—In self-defense?

Wise—If I hadn't laughed he'd have repeated it, thinking I hadn't seen the point.—Philadelphia Press.

## DEAR LITTLE CHAP.



Bob—Say, ma, were men very scarce when you married pa, or did you just feel sorry for him?

### DOCTOR SAID "USE CUTICURA"

In Bad Case of Eczema on Child—Disease Had Reached a Fearful State—His Order Resulted in Complete Cure.

"When I was small I was troubled with eczema for about three months. It was all over my face and covered nearly all of my head. It reached such a state that it was just a large scab all over, and the pain and itching were terrible. I doctored with an able physician for some time and was then advised by him to use the Cuticura Remedies which I did and I was entirely cured. I have not been bothered with it since. I used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment but do not know exactly how much was used to complete the cure. I can safely say that Cuticura did a lot for me. Miss Anabel Wilson, North Branch, Mich., Oct. 20, 1907."

### Office Boy's Little Coup.

The office boy in a downtown office has framed up the following schedule of the firm's office hours, which is displayed in a prominent place on the wall: "9-10 reserved for book agents and people with various things to sell; 10-11 for insurance agents; 11-12 bores with long stories; 1-2 solicitors for church and charitable institutions; 2-3 discuss sporting news with callers; 3-5 miscellaneous social visitors. N. B.—We transact our own business at night."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

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Picture books for the benefit of travelers are kept in the Paris police stations. It frequently occurs that foreigners lose things which they are unable to describe, because of their unfamiliarity with the French language. The picture books contain representations of various articles, and the inquirer has only to turn the leaves and point out the illustrations which resemble the property he lost.

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A well-known Derbyshire doctor has just resigned his membership of a Midland golf club, his letter to the secretary of the club reading:

A canny old Scot writes to say That at golf he no more will play; He thinks nowt of the game, So please strike out his name And his wife's from the club right away.

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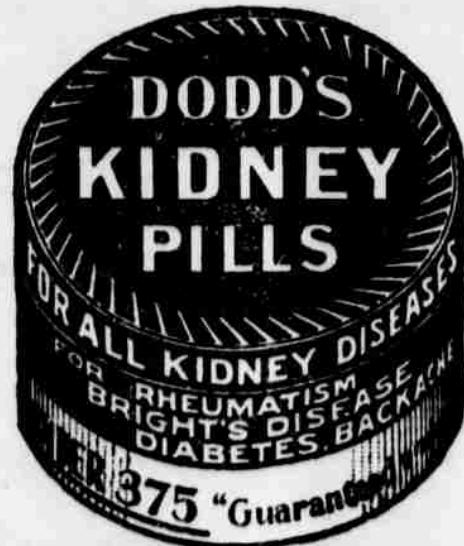
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W. N. U., LINCOLN, NO. 2, 1908.

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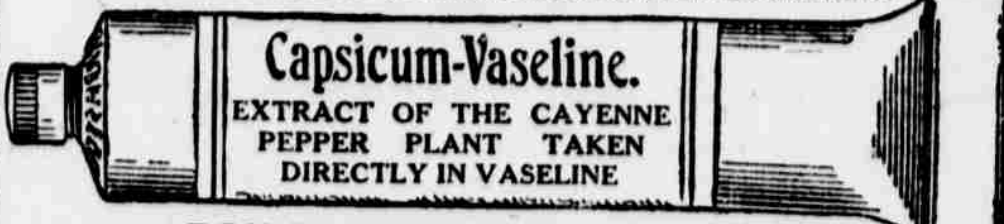
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