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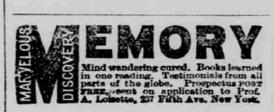
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The particularly dangerous characteristic of croup is, like pneumonia, its suddenness. Its action is so rapid, and the little patient is so soon in a condition that is very near to death, that parents 'lose their heads." and from extreme fear and anxiety are unable to coolly go to work with their best judgment. There are two sorts of croup-one in which the hoarseness and choking are caused by a sort of spasm or contraction of the glottis, and known to physicians as pseudo-croup or false croup, and in this there is little or no formation of membrane. With false croup there is much tightness, the same harsh, brassy cough, the breathing is wheezy, difficult and rapid. The attacks come on with catarrh and hoarseness, and are apt to recur several nights, sometimes coming on in the daytime.

There are many causes for an attack of false croup. Sometimes it originates from the stomach. An exceptionally hearty supper or some indigestible food eaten during the evening may set up as irritation which will bring on the symp toms of false croup, but of course the usual cause is exposure and wet feet. It is really a mild disease, and quickly subsides under proper treatment, and is not apt to be followed by dangerous compli-

For immediate relief wet a towel in cold water and wring it out just dry enough to prevent its dripping, and fold it about the child's neck, then cover this with dry towels or flannel cloths to prevent the pillow, etc., from being wet. In many cases this wet packing of the throat is all that is necessary. Leave it on until the breathing is easy and natural, and be sure to rub the child dry and warm after taking off the pack. It is well to put a light woolen bandage about the throat for the remainder of the night, but never accustom a child to being "bundled up." If the cold pack does not prove sufficient to give relief at once, give repeated doses of sirup of ipecac, larger or smaller according to the violence of the spasm, until vomiting en-

sues. An excellent cough medicine to keep in the house, and one which works well in cases of false croup, is the old fashioned mixture of sirup of squills and paregoric, or a mixture of glycerine and water in equal parts If with this treatment the child does not get easy, and fall into a natural sleep, but, on the contrary, the choking sensation continues or Accounts solicited. Interest allowed on time | becomes worse, you may conclude that | history of all purposeful lives? von have a case on hand of true croup. and the sooner you get a doctor the bet-

GUARDING AGAINST CROUP. False croup you may relieve tonight, and tomorrow morning there may be no trace of it; tomorrow night and the next night and for several nights it may come on again as badly as ever. It is not so, however, with true croup-there is no "let up" in this case; the condition gradually gets more and more severe until death ensues from suffocation, or until the disease submits to treatment. The average duration of a case of real croup is about seven or eight days, and many methods and remedies are advised.

Both false and true croup may be guarded against in great measure. It is a mistake to accustom children to such bundling and wrapping up when they go out that active exercise is not easily taken, and of course I would not have you go to the other extreme and not clothe them warmly enough; but if they are strong and lively, the latter course is really the safest, provided they can come indoors to rest and get warm. Look to it that their feet are attended to when they come in from playing in the wet. A good rubbing, or better still, bathing in alcohol and water, and then rubbing. and dry, warm stockings, will often prevent a case of croup or some other form

If they are weak, or not really active and strong, a course of sirup iodide of iron will usually bring them up. See to it that they are regular and rather lax in their bowel movements, for nearly every preparation of iron has a tendency to promote constipation.

WHAT TO DO FOR CROUP. Death is almost always caused by suffocation, on account of the closing up of the glottis by the membrane, which forms so rapidly that constant attention with the probang or spray is necessary to impede its growth. Whichever method of applying is used, any application that is irritating is dangerous and should be avoided, as, for instance, ni-

trate of silver and several of the mineral

Probably the best solvent is freshly made lime water, and it may readily be applied in form of vapor without any apparatus. Small pieces of fresh, unslaked lime may be put into a wide mouthed bottle-a pint glass fruit jar will answerand water poured upon it to slake it, and the patient may then breathe the fresh vapor as it arises. In cases of true croup this is probably the best course to pursue until the doctor comes. Tincture of iron (full strength) may be applied to the membrane with a camel's hair pencil or a probang. The latter instrument is

as a lead pencil, and is simply a swab. With this swab diluted lactic acid may be applied to the membrane, and next to lime water it is probably the best and safest solvent that can be used. To prepare it for use simply add the acid to water until it has a decidedly sour taste. During an attack of croup it is necessary that we should do everything to keep the patient nourished, as the tremendous exertion of breathing, together with the usting.—A Doctor in New York World,

simply a bit of fine soft sponge, fastened

securely with silk thread to the end of a piece of whalebone or reed about as long

Trials of an Author.

There came to a man who has had a success in literature which we should envy did we not all agree he deserves it. a lady who was neither young nor fair, but who had the assurance of youth in combination with the obstinacy of ad-

vancing years. "I have decided," she said to him, "that I must earn my living by writing poems. I sent a poem to the Blank Magazine, and they returned it with a printed slip. Now, I want you to write to the editor, and tell him that he made a mistake."

It naturally seemed to the author that he had to deal with a humorist or a mad woman; but the lady was certainly in earnest and apparently sane. He endeavored to show her that it was not his business to interfere with the decisions of the editors of magazines, who might be supposed to know their own business. The lady insisted, however, and in the end he was forced to decline point blank to do what she asked. Thereupon she turned upon him and declared that he was one of those who endeavor to keep. others out in order that they may have the field to themselves, and who are meanly jealous of other authors who are sure to eclipse them if they are but heard.

"It is all a ring," she declared with vehemence. "I have been told so before, and now I am sure of it. I can't make you do justice to me, but I can show you up."

Her method of "showing him up" has been to send letters of bitter invective to the papers, one of which fell into my hands. Of course nobody would print them, but she perseveres, and in addition to this she sends to the luckless author, whose crime is that he did not make the editor of the Blank Magazine print the rhymes of an unknown woman, a letter once a week. Of course he burns them unopened, and it is not easy to see what satisfaction it can be to the woman to keep on with this sort of thing, but the fact remains that she does. The story is not of profound importance, but it throws a curious bit of a side light upon the life of the successful author of today.-Arlo Bates in Book Buyer.

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