N these days of much talk regarding progressive womanhood and higher education of the fair it is well once in awhile to pause note what sort of influence this algher mental development has upon woman's actions, where domesticity and marriage are concerned. To one who undoubtedly believes that a woman should know all that she possibly can store up in her pretty head, it is evident and pleasantly so, too, that the higher education of women bas from the start shown a tendency to discipline those who take college courses toward early and imprudent parriages. Wisdom and precaution apparently have come hand in hand to take possession of the fair one's heart and brain.

A recent canvass of college graduates is said to have shown that while 90 per cent of non-college women become wives, only 55 per cent. of college graduates resign their lives into the keeping of husbands. From other sources It is learned that those who marry do not swell the lists of invalid wives: neither do 50 per cent, of the children born to them figure in mortality tables, as is the ghastly fact with the everyday woman's children. College women are not apt to marry a man to save him, and thus insure for children morally weak or vicious fathers; neither does love (?) in a cottage—translated in these days into a cheap flat in an unwholesome locality-appear to her finer or more winsome than the self-respecting independence of the bread-winning positions that are now within her reach. Years ago some conservative men had the perspicacity to realize and the courage to state that fuller life for woman exeant the lessening of her interest in esseringe (the only profession our foremothers had been permitted to consider), and that she would be harder to please and more deliberate in her choice. That the prophecies have come to pass is matter for congratulation, or for condemnation, according to the observer's point of view.

"Respectable Working Girls." "I read in a newspaper this morning," said a downtown business man, "that a girl who was found in the streets oks like a respectable working girl.' I cannot help but think that is one of the many stereotyped phrases that are used in writing because they come naturally and easily to the writer's mind. I don't believe there is any type of respectable working girl. The phrase set cover the tremendous gaps be tween the servant type, the factory type and the typewriter and saleswoman type, so it does not mean anything. ching place on Fulton street and always find it crowded by 'respectable working girls.' They are typewriters and saleswomen, but I can point out dozens who, if seen separately on the street could not be told from the idle and stylish daughters of the moderately well-to-do. Their hats and wraps and skirts are of the latest fashion, and they appear to be just as well mannered as if they were all pupils in an uptown private school or a Bible class on one of the nice avenues. Why, work has not even dampened their spirits, for they are all as merry as young girls should be. 'And the preference they give to pastry, as well as the way they twist and turn to examine one another's dresses, shows that combining business and femininity has not altered the sex much as yet."-New York Sun.

Care of the Skin. A simple and very efficacious bath for the face for the whitenig and softening of the skin is buttermilk. First age off the face with very hot water. bot as the skin will bear. Then bathe It freely in buttermilk, rubbing well into the skin. Sponge again with hot water in order to remove a slight greas-Then plunge the face into a noin of cold water and wipe softly tth a soft towel.

That last plunge is to preserve the on of the skin. Hot water is seaching, but also softening, tending, ies, to produce wrinkles. The cold be counteracts this and keeps the in firm. It takes but a few minutes efore retiring to perform the little on the altar of vanity, but the des stee is amply repaid by results.

For a Slender Figure. a coat for the slender sisters is comed of black velvet. The plaits on hips are each a veritable little hip. ex stand out so distinctly. The are made of the new velvet y known as "Gismonde" chine. watered ground and what the na term a glace design on it, which it is easy to imagine how and mirror-like is its rich finish. ck is a cream colored lace which falls to the waist, show th exquisite effect against the re-of chinchilla. The lining of this pale green. The linings are ve feature this year of all

Mate for Lettle Once. her listle girls are mostly of big which heaver and felt are the

are fashionable for the little folks and the tots are seen with such bats made of the cloth that is the chief material of their wraps. Such headgear is trimmed with silk pompons, small wings or velvet bows.

Wraps of wee sizes are seen trimmed with chinchilla, fox and like light furs, but the quantity of such trimming on one garment is usually very small, as the fur is seen only in narrow stripes that edge collars, capes, neck and wrists. The rage for showy buttons that prevails in women's dress extends also to children that are ten or less years from "coming out," and the effect of big buttons on small bodies is often irresistibly quaint. Lace effects for adults' dressing, too, are reproduced on the little folk's gowns, and the copying is so close that the latter look for all the world like dwarfed imitations of their elders.

To Make a Gown or Coat Modish. Fur is used for vests and waists of cloth gowns, as it was last season, and last season's coat can be made quite modern by facing the collars, revers and cuffs with fur. Even the old-fashioned stone marten is not to be cast aside, and mink is extremely pretty for this purpose. The popular fur muff is round and medium large, but those who wish to carry out the picturesque styles of Marie Antoinette will find a giant muff, quite flat and a yard wide, very open at the ends, and made of the most expensive sable. Muffs lined with fur are one of the sensible fashions, and fancy muffs of velvet are trimmed with fur, insertions of guipure, and numerous frills of chiffon on either side, caught up with rhinestone brooches. These usually match the toque or neck trimming or both. Some of the fur muffs have a decoration of lace and velvet bows, fastened on with small heads with beady eyes. Revers and cuffs of green velvet applique traced with jet are one of the novel trimmings for Persian lamb coats, but the combinations of velvet, embroidery. lace and flowers with fur garments are the exception and not the rule.

I Miss You, Dear. When morning's light first tints the gray of dawn. And sleepless eyes tell day is here And all the world is stirring into life,

Then is the time I miss you, dear. When noontime comes and brings its

hour of rest From busy toil, so full of care and fear When man so needs the solace of a smile Then is the time I miss you, dear.

When twilight falls and all the world is

When echoes come from far and near, And sighing winds lull weary souls Then is the time I miss you, dear.

Through every moment of the lagging day, So long, without your words of ch And when, at night, I kneel me down in

Then is the time I miss you, dear. Boycelle Divided Skirt.



Hot Bran for Fur. Fur, after some years' wear, will look much improved if cleaned with new bran previously heated in the oven Rub the hot bran well into the fur with a piece of flannel, shake the fur to remove all particles and then brush thoroughly. The fur will clean more easily if the lining and wadding are first removed, but such removal is not absolutely needful. The fiat, olly look which mars the apearance of the neck portion of furs long in use, is mostly, if not wholly, removed by means of hot bran. Rub the fur the wrong way, this meaning in this particular instance the right

Ounces of Prevention. Wear a clean apron while ironing or bed-making.

To clean bamboo furniture use brush dipped in salt water.

The eyes should be bathed every night in cold water just before retiring and they will do better work the following

When very tired lie on the back, al owing every muscle to relax, letting the hands go any way they will, and

If you have to sew all day change your seat occasionally and so obtain rest. Bathing the face and hands will leo stimulate and refresh.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

THE PREACHER CHOOSES AN INTERESTING TOPIC.

lie Views of the New Woman-Spiritual and Physical Health-A Word for Mothers-Their Influence and Counsel-A Strong Peroration.

A Word with Women.

Rev. Dr. Talmage took for the subject of last Sunday's sermon "A Word with Women," the text for the occasion being the following letter received by the dis-

tinguished preacher:
Reverend Sir-You delivered a disourse in answer to a letter from six young men of Fayette, Ohio, requesting you to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Men." Are we justified in asking you to preach a sermon on "Advice to

Young Women? Letter Signed by Six Young Women Christ, who took his text from a flock of birds flying overhead, saying, "Behold the fowls of the air!" and from the flowers in the valley, saying, "Consider the lilies of the field," and from the clucking of a barnyard fowl, saying, "As a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing, and from a crystal of salt picked up by the roadside, saying, "Salt is good," will grant us a blessing, if, instead of taking a text from the Bible, I take for my text this letter from Cincinnati, which is only one of many letters which I have received from young women in New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, London, Edin-burgh, and from the ends of the earth, all implying that, having some months ago preached the sermon on "Advice to Young Men," I could not, without neglect of duty, refuse to preach a sermon on "Ad-

vice to Young Women."

It is the more important that the pulpit be heard on this subject at this time when we are baving such an illimitable discussion about what is called the "new wo man," as though some new creature of God had arrived on earth or were about to arrive. One theory is that she will be an athlete and boxing glove and foot-ball and pugilistic encounter will characterize her Another theory is that she will superin tend ballot boxes, sit in Congressional hall and through improved politics bring the millennium by the evil she will extirpate and the good she will install. Another theory is that she will adopt masculine at tire and make sacred a vulgarism positive ly horrific. Another theory is that she will be so aesthetic that broom handle and rolling pin and coal scuttle will be pictorialized with tints from soft skies or suggestions of Rembrandt and Raphael

The New Woman. Heaven deliver the church and the world from any one of these styles of new woman! She will never come. I have so much faith in the evangelistic triumph and in the progress of all things in the right direction that I prophesy that style of new woman will never arrive. She would hand over this world to diabolism, and from being, as she is now, the might iest agency for the world's uplifting she would be the mightiest force for its down thrust. I will tell you who the new woman will be. She will be the good wo-man of all the ages past. Here and there a difference of attire as the temporary custom may command, but the same good honest, lovely, Christian, all influential being that your mother and mine was. Of that kind of woman was Christian Eddy who, talking to a man who was so much of an unbeliever he had named his two children Voltaire and Tom Paine, nevertheless saw him converted, he break ing down with emotion as he said to her: "I cannot stand you. You talk like mother." And telling the story of his conversion to twelve companions who had been blatant opposers of religion they asked her to come and see them also and tell them of Christ, and four of them were converted and all the others greatly changed, and the leader of the band, de parting for beaven, shouted: "Joyful! Joyful! Joyful!"

If you know any better style of woman than that, where is she? The world can-not improve on that kind. The new woman may have more knowledge, because she will have more books, but she will have no more common sense than that which tried to manage and discipline and educate us and did as well as she could with such unpromising material. She may have more health than the woman of other days, for the sewing machine and the sanitary regulations and added telligence on the subjects of diet, ventilation and exercise and rescue from many forms of drudgery may allow her more longevity, but she will have the same characteristics which God gave her in paradise, with the exception of the nerv-ous shock and moral jolt of the fall she got that day when not noticing where she stepped she looked up into the branches of the fruit tree. But I must be specific. This letter be

fore me wants advice to young women.

The First Need. Advice the first: Get your soul right with God, and you will be in the best atti-tude for everything that comes. New ways of voyaging by sea, new ways of traveling by land, new ways of thrashing the harvests, new ways of printing books
—and the patent office is enough to enchant a man who has mechanical ingenuity and knows a good deal of levers and wheels and we hardly do anything as it used to be done; invention after invention. invention on top of invention. But in the matter of getting right with God there nas not been a invention for 6,000 years It is on the same line of repentance that David exercised about his sins, and the same old style of prayer that the publican used when he emphasized it by an inward stroke of both hands, and the same faith in Christ that Paul suggested to the jailer

the night the penitentiary broke down.

Aye, that is the reason I have more confidence in it. It has been tried by more millions than I dare to state lest I come far abort of the brilliant facts. All who brough Christ earnestly tried to get right with God are right and always will be right. That gives the young woman who gets that position superiority over all rivalries, all jealousies, all misfortunes, all health failings, all social disasters and all the combined troubles of eight years if she shall live to be an octogenarian. If with God are right and always will be the world fails to appreciate her, she says, "God loves me, the angels in beaven says, "God loves me, the angels in peaven are in sympathy with me, and I can afford to be patient until the day when the im-perial chariot shall wheel to my door to take me up to my coronation." If health goos, she says, "I can endure the present be my associates, it will not make much difference who on earth forgot me when the invitations to that reception were All right with God, you are

all right with everything.

Martin Luther, writing a letter of condelence to one of his friends who had lost his daughter, began by saying, "This is a hard world for girls." It is for those who are dependent upon their own wits and the whims of the world and the preferences of human favor, but those who take the Eternal God for their portion not later than 15 years of age, and that is ten years later than it ought to be, will find that while Martin Luther's letter of condolence was true in regard to many if not most, with respect to those who have the wisdom and promptitude and the earnestness to get right with God. I de clare that this is a good world for girls.

Importance of Physical Health. Advice the second: Make it a matter of religion to take care of your physical health. I do not wonder that the Greeks deified health and hailed Hygeia as a goddess. I rejoice that there have been so many modes of maintaining and restoring young womanly health invented in our They may have been known a long time back, but they have been popularized in our day-lawn tennis, croquet and golf and the bicycle. It always seemed strange and inscrutable that our human race should be so slow of locomotion, when creatures of less importance have powers of velocity, wing of bird or foot of ante lope, leaving us far behind, and while it seems so important that we be in many places in a short while we were weighed down with incapacities, and most men, if they run a mile, are exhausted or dead from the exhaustion. It was left until the last decade of the nineteenth century to give the speed which we see whirling through all our cities and along the country reads, and with that speed come The women of the next decade will be healthier than at any time since the world was created, while the invalidism which has so often characterized womanhood will pass over to manhood, which, by its posture on the wheel, is coming to curved spine and cramped chest and a deformity for which another fifty years will not have power to make rescue foung man, sit up straight when you ride. Darwin says the human race is descended from the monkey, but the bicycle will turn a hundred thousand men of the present generation in physical condition from For good womanhood, man to monkey. thank God that this mode of recreation has been invented. Use it wisely, modest ly, Christianly. No good woman needs to be told what attire is proper and what behavior is right. If anything be doubt-ful, reject it. A hoydenish, boisterous, masculine woman is the detestation of all, and every revolution of the wheel she rides is toward depreciation and downfall. Take care of your health, O woman of your nerves in not reading the trash which makes up ninety-nine out of one huncred novels, or by eating too man; cornucopias of confectionery. Take care of your eyes by not reading at hours when you ought to be sleeping. Take care of your ears by stopping them against the tides of gossip that surge through every neighborhood.

Health! Only those know its value who have lost it. The earth is girdled with pain, and a vast proportion of it is the price paid for early recklessness. I close this, though, with the salutation in Mac

beth: "Now good digestion wait on appetite And health on both. A Word for Mothers

Advice the third: Appreciate your mother while you have her. It is the almost universal testimony of young women who have lost mother that they did not realize what she was to them until after from this life. Indeed, moth a hindrance. The maternal inspection is often considered an obstacle. Mother has so many notions about that which is proper and that which is improper. It is stounding how much more many girls know at 18 than their mothers at With what an elaborate argument, per haps spiced with some temper, the young ing tries to reverse the opinion of the oldling. The springle of gray on the ma ternal forehead is rather an indication to he recent graduate of the female seminary that the circumstances of to-da or to-night are not fully appreciated What a wise boarding school that would be if the mothers were the pupils and the daughters the teachers! How well the teens could chaperon the fifties! Then mothers do not amount to much, anyhow They are in the way and are always ask ing questions about postage marks of let ters and asking, "Who is that Mary D.?" and "Where did you get that ring, Flora?" and "Where did you get that ring." Myra?" For mothers have such unpre cedented means of knowing everything They say "it was a bird in the air" that told them. Alas, for that bird in the air Will not some one lift his gun and shoot it? It would take whole libraries to hold the wisdow which the daughter knows more than her mother. "Why cannot I have this?" "Why cannot I do that?"

And the question in many a group ha seen, although not plainly stated; shall we do with the mothers, snyhow They are so far behind the times." Per mit me to suggest that if the mother had given more time to looking after herself and less time to looking after you she would have been as fully up to date as you in music, in style of gait, in seathetic taste and in all sorts of information. I expect that while you were studying bot any and chemistry and embroidery and the new opers she was studying house hold economics. But one day, from over work, or sitting up of nights with a neigh bor's sick child, or a blast of the east wind, on which pneumonias are horsed mother is sick. Yet the family think she will soon be well, for she has been sick so often and always has got well, and the physician comes three times a day, and there is a consultation of the doctors, and the news is gradually broken that recov ery is impossible, given in the words, "While there is life there is hope." And the white pillow over which are strew the locks a little tinted with snow be comes the point around which all the family gather, some standing, some kneel-ing, and the pulse beats the last throb, and the bosom trembles with the last breath, and the question is asked in a rhisper by all the group, "Is she gone? And all is over

Maternal Pupervision Now come the regrets. Now the daugh nal supervision. For the first time she realizes what it is to have a mother and realizes what it is to have a mother and what it is to lose a mother. Tell me, men and women, young and old, did any of us appreciate how much mother was to us until she was gone? Young woman, you will probably never have a more disinterested friend than your mother. When she says anything is unsafe or impredest, you had better believe it is unsafe or impredest. When she declares it is something you ought to do. I think you had better do She has seen more of the world than you have. Do you think she could have any mercenary or contemptible motive in what she advises you? She would give her life for you if it were called for you know of any one else who would do more than that for you? Do you know of any one who would do as much? Again and again she has already endangered that life during six week of diphtheria or scarlet fever, and she never once brought up the question of whether she had better stay, breathing day and night the con-

tagion.

The graveyards are full of mothers who died taking care of their children. Better appreciate your mother before your appreciation of her will be no kindness her, and the post mortem regrets will be more and more of an agony as the years pass on. Big headstones of polished Abrdeen and the best epitaphs which the family put together could compose and a young girl's room, where all the decgarland of whitest roses from the conservatory are often the attempt to atone bits of pink in the same depth of color, for the thanks we ought to have uttered to give warmth to the whole. The in living cars and the kind words that cover shows the two colors, three of would have done more good than all the the ribbons being pink and three green. mounds of the cemeteries. The world makes applauditory ado over the work of mothers who have raised boys to be great men, and I could turn to my bookshelves gracefully below, and were then laced and find the names of fifty distinguished in and out after the manner of a checkmen who had great mothers Cuvier's mother, Walter Scott's mother, St. Bernard's mother, Benjamin West's mother But who praises mothers for what they do for daughters who make the homes of America? I do not know of an instance of such recognition. I declare to you that I believe I am uttering the first word that has ever been uttered in appreciation of the self denial, of the fatigues and good sense and prayers which those mothers go through who navigate a family of girls from the edge of the cradle to the schoolhouse door and from the schoolhouse door up to the marriage altar. That is an achievement which the eternal God celebrates high up in the heavens, though for it human hands so seldom clap the faintest applause. My! My! What a time that mother had with those youngsters, and if she had relaxed care and work and advice and solicitation of heav enly help that next generation would have landed in the poorhouse, idiot asylum or penitentiary. It is while she is living, but never while she is dead, that some girls call their mother "maternal ancestors" or "the old woman."

Grief and Comfort.

And if you have a grief already-and ome of the keenest sorrows of a woman's life come early-roll it over on Christ, and you will find him more sympathetic than was Queen Victoria, who, when her children, the princes and princesses, came out of the school-room after the morning lesson had been given up by their governess and told how her voice had trembled in the morning prayer because it was the anniversary of her mother's death, and that she had put her head down on the desk and sobbed, "Mother! Mother!" the queen went in and said to the governess; poor child! I am sorry the children disturbed you this morning. I will hear their essons to-day, and to show you that i have not forgotten the sad anniversary I bring you this gift." And the Queen clasped on the girl's wrist a mourning bracelet with a lock of her mother's hair. All you young women the world around who mourn a like sorrow, and sometime in your loneliness and sorrow and loss burst out crying, "Mother! Mother!" put on your wrist this golden clasp of divine sympathy, "As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you."

Advice the fourth: Allow no time to pass without brightening some one's life. Within five minutes' walk of you there which Shakspeare's King Lear or Victor Hugo's Jenn Valjean has no power. Go bay leaf, celery seed, a slice of onion out and brighten somebody's life with a and a sprig of paralley. Cook until cheering word or smile or a flower. Take a good book and read a chapter to that blind man. Go up that dark alley and make that invalid woman laugh with some good story. Go to that house from which that child has been taken by death and tell the father and mother what an escape the child has had from the winter of earth into the springtime of heaven. For add the potatoes to this season with God's sake make some one happy for ten salt and pepper and serve.

minutes if for no longer a time.

A young woman bound on such a mission, what might she not accomplish? Oh, there are thousands of these manufactur ers of sunshine! They are King's Daugh ters, whether inside or outside of that delightful organization. They do more good efore they are 20 years of age than selfish women who live 90, and they are so happy just because they make others happy. Compare such a young woman who cels she has such a mission with one who lives a round of vanities, cardcase in hand, calling on people for whom she does not care, except for some social advantage, and insufferably bored when the call is returned, and trying to look young after she is old, and living a life of insincerity and hollowness and dramatization and show. Young woman, live to make others happy, and you will be happy! Live for yourself, and you will be miserable! There never has been an exception to the rule; there never will be an exception.

Plan Out Your Life. Advice the fifth: Plan out your life on big scale, whether you are a farmer's daughter, or a shepherdess among the hills, or the flattered pet of a drawingroom filled with statuary and pictures and bric a brac. Stop where you are and make a plan for your lifetime. You cannot be satisfied with a life of frivolity and giggle and indirection. Trust the w and it will chest you if it does not destroy you. The Redoubtable was the name of an enemy's ship that Lord Nelson spared twice from demolition, but that same ship afterward sent the ball that killed him, and the world on which you smile may aim at you its deadliest weapon.

Be a God's woman. Draw out and decide what you will be and do, God helping. Write it out in a plain hand. Put the plan on the wall of your room or write it in the opening of a blank book or put it there you will be compelled often to see life you cannot settle now, but there is one question you can settle independent of man, woman, angel and devil, and that is that you will be a God's woman that is that you will be a God's woman now, henceforth and forever. Clasp hands with the Almighty. Then you can start out on a voyage of life, defying both calm and cyclone, saying, with Dean Alford: "One who has known in storms to sali

I have on board; Above the roaring of the gale I hear the Lord.

"He holds me when the billows smile; I shall not fall; If short 'tie sharp, if long 'tie light; He tempers all."

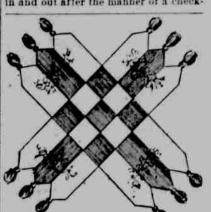
From the errors of others a wise me



A Novel Table Cover. An attractive cover for a small stand is always a welcome addition to the decoration of any room. The one shown in the illustration is entirely new and emphasizes the craze for ribbons which has been made apparent in so many ways. The model shown is in use in orations are pale, tender green, with They were all cut of the required

length, just enough to cover the stand

with the woven portion, and to hang



NOVEL TABLE COVER

erboard or a kindergarten mat. When all were in place and perfectly smooth they were firmly caught in the underside with stitches, which were not allowed to pass through. Each strip was turned under to form a point, and was finished with a small silk tassel of the exact shade. Finally white violets were painted in a group or cluster in each of the four ends, and, that done, the cover was complete. In the room for which it was designed it is charming in the extreme; with only a change of color it can be made equally appropriate to any you may have in mind. White and pale hellotrope make a charming combination. All pale blue, with wild roses at each end, is good. Any one of the new brocaded ribbons, with plain, unpainted ends, makes a charming effect. Dull olive green, with gold tinsel braid, is rich and durable. Almost any combination that is harmonious can be trusted and only the special needs of the special room can determine what is best...

Potato Soup.

To one part of mashed potatoes allow two parts of chopped bread, both well soaked and thoroughly stirred together. Use sufficient salt and pepper to taste, and flavor with onlons fried to a light brown. Another good recipe for potato in a saucepan in a pint of water, one bay leaf, celery seed, a slice of onion thoroughly done, then press through a very fine sleve, using the water fi which they were boiled. Put a pint of milk in a double boller. Rub together one ounce of butter and an even tablespoonful of flour; stir into the hot milk, and stir continually until it thickens;

To Loosen a Glass Stopper. The safest way to loosen a glass stopper is to wrap tightly around the neck of the bottle a long strip of rag. over which a stream of boiling water should be gently poured. The rag can be taken off in the space of two or three minutes, when probably the neck of the bottle will have sufficiently expanded to allow the stopper to be withdrawn. Sometimes it is necessary to repeat the operation, which, except

Testing Coffee. An expert tester gives the following directions for detecting adulterated coffee: Rub a bandful of coffee between the fingers. If it hardens or cakes it is adulterated, probably with chicory. Another test is to place a sample of the coffee on the top of a glassful of water. If part of it floats and part sinks it is undoubtedly adulterated. Pure coffee contains an oily enveloping substance that keeps out the water, or. at least, does not quickly absorb it.

in very bad cases, is almost invariably

Wilted roses can be restored by placing the stems in hot water for a min-

Coffee stains on white goods should be washed in warm water before placing

in suds. Don't clean brass articles with acids. Use putty powder with sweet oil. Wash off with soapsuds, and then dry. This

will insure brightness. Pink and blue ginghams of a washable make can be kept from fading by washing in a weak solution of vinegar and water. Rinse in the same way and dry in the shade.

Ink stains on white goods can be removed by souking in water and then covering spot with pounded saits of emon. Bleach in sun for half hour, wash in suds, rince and dry.

Here is a remedy for burns, particularly valuable for those who have charge of children. The burned part is to be bathed with common cosence of peppermint, such as one may procure at any druggist's for a few cents. Re-jief is almost immediata, but the bath-ing should be continued till the pain in