

DEPARTMENT

It seems to be the mission of one-half of mankind to point out and improve the mistakes of the other half. One of the most ancient and time honored sayings, which has been repeated, parrot-like, until we have come to believe it true, is the one that "women do not stand by one another."

Here we stand, shoulder to shoulder, upon the broad platform of usefulness to humanity, to bear the burden of cheer the desponding, to relieve the suffering of those who need us. We represent different schools of medicine, different creeds in religion, different politics, but we are one, in love to our kind, and the determination and preparation to make the world—at least bits of it—"brighter and better."

HEREDITY.

From earliest times the doctrine of heredity has rooted in nature, and now it is an accepted fact that each child inherits characteristics physical, mental and moral, from its parents.

This idea is not new to stockmen, who will not deal in inferior cattle or allow those of good pedigree to be crossed with inferior stock. The idea being to produce a higher grade of stock which experience proves can only be done by careful breeding.

Some families are prominent only by their lives of crime. The Max Jukes family in perhaps the best known case, a family of seven generations, descended from a convict, and during seventy-five years, 570 grew to be criminals and degraded characters, while 300 died prematurely.

The case is recorded of a prominent business man, a wine drinker for many years, in perfect health, and still, in his family of eleven, five died young and six lived to become inmates of asylums.

Some interesting facts were lately presented by a Pittsburg paper, showing the influence of the work of the mother during pregnancy has upon the child.

cases were treated and not the disease itself; applications were made to the seats of symptoms, instead of the seat of the disease, hence numerous blunders and failures. The modern treatment is to attack the source of the trouble, and not the symptoms.

Electricity is not a panacea for all ills to which flesh is liable, but it is a powerful and peculiarly helpful in diseases of women and the nervous system in general.

FOODS FOR GROWING CHILDREN.

This subject is of the greatest importance to mothers, or to any one to whom is given the charge of children. It must be carefully studied to obtain the best results.

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THE NEW WOMAN.

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ELECTRICITY AS A REMEDIAL AGENT.

The term electricity is derived from the Greek word meaning amber, because as the story goes Thales, one of the seven sages of Greece, first discovered the manifestation of it by rubbing a piece of amber with a dry cloth.

It is as yet unscientific. One would suppose that a woman of liberal education and culture would be received anywhere in good society, unqualified. The woman does not ask for the respectability of her father, her husband and if she flourishes among the world-be-excludes she is approached frigidly or with indifference.

"Hygiene is that part of medicine whose object is the preservation of health. It embraces a knowledge of healthy man, as well as of the elements used and employed in the maintenance of his constitution and organs."

Science is advancing step by step in all departments and the safeguards thrown out by boards of health in all the large cities and towns are being rigidly enforced.

Physicians, and the people as well, should be more fully conversant with the history and enforced and insist upon the obedience of necessary requirements. In this way only can infectious diseases be stamped out.

REMINISCENCES.

Would you like to know something of the experience of a lady physician in Nebraska thirty years ago? Well, I can tell you the story of the times in a city of eight thousand people there was no such thing as a hack or a cab to be secured at a moment's notice.

The poor doctor, all tired out, scarce able to get up, and continued to attend to Mrs. N's family as very reliable patients, but the baby with the spasms may die if not attended to, so she makes her way to the poor mother's room to see the baby.

After a while leave of absence is obtained to go and visit other patients with a somewhat easy return, as soon as possible. An hour's sleep is all that can be snatched from the busy day.

Hereditarily is defined by one writer as "That law by which all beings endowed with life tend to repeat themselves in their descendants."

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