

VINEGAR FOR SMALLPOX.

Dr. Roth, of Lübeck, Germany, has, it is said, discovered that common vinegar is an efficacious protective agent against infection by smallpox. If the discovery be real, it is invaluable, for vinegar is within the reach of all, and a table-spoonful twice a day for fourteen days—the dose prescribed for healthy adults—could not possibly do harm if it did no good.

For the benefit of our readers we extract the following, from the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, describing the method of using, and cases treated:

"All persons who came in direct, or indirect contact with a Small Pox patient, were subjected to the vinegar treatment, and with much benefit. Healthy adults were ordered two table-spoonfuls of common vinegar, either with, or without water, to be taken one hour after breakfast and towards evening, for fourteen days; for half-grown, or particularly delicate persons, three-fourths of a table-spoonful once or twice daily will suffice. They should avoid the sick room as much as possible, enjoy plenty of fresh air, and guard against cold; the sick chamber is to be fumigated with vinegar vapor twice daily.

"It seems doubtful to Dr. Roth, whether the few abortive pustules which he saw appearing after the vinegar treatment, convey any degree of infection, as he had frequent opportunities of observing, that persons with such, communicated frequently with others, without having infected any one; nevertheless he orders them repeatedly to be washed with vinegar, in order to render them harmless."

As proof of the above, Dr. Roth subjoins the following statement:—

December 9th. G. Fassendorf, aged 73 years; contracted Small Pox in a high degree; from Hamburg; eruption out for three days; died.

December 21st. His wife, aged 65 years; shared the same room and bed with her husband, from the beginning of his illness until his death; took ill with pain in head, back, etc., with great prostration, on the 18th of December; restored on the 24th, after an eruption of from six to eight pustules. Took a table-spoonful of vinegar, twice daily, since December 9th.

December 21st. His daughter, 35 years; lived always in the same room with her parents; fell ill on the 18th of December, with severe Small Pox fever, but without pain, had a considerable erythema upon the abdomen, a large number of military eruptions upon the arms, but no Small Pox; restored on the 24th. Took twice daily one table-spoonful of vinegar since December 9th.

December 21st. His son, aged 25 years; also occupying the same room with his parents; since the 17th of December had Small Pox fever; headache, pain in the limbs; had from eighteen to twenty small pustules; restored on the 23rd. Treatment as above.

December 21st. Two grandsons, children of daughter, aged 10 and 16 years; taken ill later with fever, headache, etc., after which a few small pustules appeared, but both recovered completely in a few days. Twice daily, a half table-spoonful of vinegar.

December 30th. His son Golger, laborer, aged 30 years, resides in the adjoining house to his father's; communicated with him until the 9th of December; was attacked on the 27th, for one day only, with severe headache and fever, but no pain; had from six to eight small pustules; well again on the 1st of January; his wife had Small Pox a few years ago. Twice daily a table-spoonful of vinegar.

December 30th. His five children, aged from 2 to 10 years; they were all vaccinated, and remained well. Twice daily, one half table-spoonful of vinegar.

— Colfax is addressing Sunday schools in Indiana.

— "I feel so awfully happy when the banks begin to pay."—*New ditty.*

— Open the windows of your heart and let light into the dark, unhealthy places you have for years dampened with your tears.

— If life to you is not at all what you would have it, seek to make it better and more enjoyable yourself. For at best life is much what we make it.

— A farmer's motto—"None but live stock should be watered."

— Chicago Spends \$5,000 a day for billiards. Hard on the pockets.

— An Ottawa editor was "telescoped" by a collision with a goat the other day.

— "Poor Sim Wayne!" remarks an Indiana paper; "he has gone where bartenders don't scowl when a man fills the glass."

— Louisville is educating her newsboys at the public expense. The newsboys think what is recommended to them as good English is singularly thin and lacking in vigor.

— There is a San Franciscan Chinese named Yan Kee, who wants to be naturalized. The *Chronicle* suggests that he be baptized "Doodle."

— There is said to be a glut of oysters in the Baltimore market. The *American* says that some of the oystermen threaten to throw their cargoes overboard in deep water.

— The expense of the Yellowstone expedition will be cheerfully borne by the people when they learn that Professor Hayden discovered on the trip 127 different species of grasshoppers.

— A pensioner of the Second Connecticut Artillery drew one hundred and sixty-two dollars pension money, and being distrustful of savings banks, deposited it in a faro bank inside of three hours.

— A reporter has "interviewed" a prominent New York broker and learned that the broker didn't know where prices were going to stop, but would give \$100,000 for the information.

— A mouse ran up the left leg of a Salem, Oregon, editor's pants the other day and frightened said editor, who in turn, frightened the compositors by his cries for help, thinking, no doubt, that it was "snakes."

— Minister—John, I did not see you at the church last Sunday.

— John—No, sir, father sent I to t'other church, and sez ef you won't lend us the wheelbarrow, I beant to go to your church again, never no moar."

— To the man who applied to Colonel Berry for victuals, the Colonel said: "Haven't you got any money?" "No," said the man. "Advertise, then," said the Colonel; "that is the way P. T. Barnum made his money."

— The clearing house manager at New Orleans has done his duty so faithfully during the crisis, that the *Times* of that city calls him a "phenomenal idiot," and insists that he "deserves a medal made of the superfluous leather of his own ears."

— Travelling along the sea coast of Florida, a gentleman, noting the barrenness of the country, asked a native: "What do you live on here?" "Live on!" replied the man; "why, we live on fish and strangers."

— At a juvenile party one little fellow, rejoicing in the splendor of his new clothes, went up to another with the triumphant remark, "You ain't dressed as well as I am." "Well," retorted the other, "I can lick you, anyhow."

— A Los Angeles shoemaker has made a new kind of shoe, which he calls the Dolly Varden, because "it has two sides and no bottom." She *Herald* says: "This is no unkind allusion to the Independent party. They are very easy to wear, and comfortable."

— An honest citizen of Perth, being recently met one Sunday morning going from the church by his minister, was greeted with: "O, John; do not tru the kirk; there will be no preaching in hell." "Indeed," said John, "it'll no be for want o' ministers then!"

— The *Chicago Journal* informs us, in its "Western News," that the lightning struck a house in Ludington, Wisconsin, in which were a woman and a child, and spoiled its gable end. This uncertainty as to where our sympathy should be directed is harrowing.

— Bret Harte has destroyed the last vestige of the St. Louis *Republican's* patience with literary lecturers, and it avers that he does not possess for his new avocation "a single physical qualification, except his neat and gentlemanlike appearance when set in diamonds and broadcloth."

— "What's the matter, Uncle Jerry?" said Mr. —, as old Jeremiah R. was passing by, growling most furiously. "Matter," said the old man, stopping short; "why, here I've been lugging water all the morning for Dr. C.'s wife to wash with, and what d'ye s'pose I got for it?" "Why, I suppose about ten cents," answered Mr. —. "Ten cents! She told me the doctor would pull a tooth for me sometime."

— We'd credit the following if we knew to whom the credit was due: "The drummers came down like wolves on the fold, their toes were all frosted, their noses all cold. Their weather-peeled bugles soon shone through the town, they gobbled the money and salted it down, then took a few orders and lit out of here, with their heads full of business and their skins full of beer."

— A Pennsylvania newspaper, the *Mount Pleasant Journal* says: "A good joke on a young city fellow who bought a farm last winter has just leaked out. He had a fine orchard of about two hundred apple trees, and a few weeks ago he tapped every one of them for cider. As it didn't run very well he inquired of a neighbor what the matter was and gave him a new hat not to tell any one else."

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