DOCTORED TO DEATH.

Gratitude to the most beneficent of Americans may cause the reader to patriotically grit his teeth at the following from the Rochester (N. Y.) *Herald*:

A Washingington dispatch the other day related how thirty members of the late medical congress met in a social way after one of the sessions. They were elderly men, but progressive, and in sympathy with the modern practice even of their school of generally discarding the lance for promiscuous bloodletting and in giving small in preference to the heroic doses formerly in vogue. One of these old physicians is reported to have "astonished" his hearers with the assertion, that General George Washington did not die a natural death, but was killed by his doctors. The statement, it is said, was greeted with the exclamation: "That's a libel." We judge that if these physicians were astonished and indignant over the declaration quoted they were not very well read in the history of Washington's last hours on earth. The story is an old one, whether a libel or not.

But the statements made and quotations given in support of them by the physician who "astonished" his hearers are of much interest. The certificates of Drs. Clark and Dick, who treated Washington in his last illness, show that having been exposed to rain and fatigue on Friday, December 13, 1799, he was attacked that night with pain in the upper and fore part of the throat, coughing, difficulty in swallowing, succeeded by fever and quick and laborious respiration. He took it for a severe cold, and called in one of his servants, a "bleeder," who took from his arm nearly a pint of blood. The account then continues as follows: "The patient was about in that condition until the arrival of his physicians at 10 o'clock next morning—Saturday—when the doctors proceeded to repeat the bleeder's operation, and twice within about four hours took over two pints, or a quart of blood. In the intermin of these two copious bleedings a blister was applied to the part effected, two moderate doses of calomel were given, succeeded by repeated doses of tarter emetic, amounting to five or six grains, with no other effect than a copious discharge from the bowels."

"This was treatment of the heroic kind," interjected the alleged libeler, "which was enough to kill an ordinary well man;" and it was evidently doing the business for the General, for the learned doctors add: "The powers of life seemed now manifestly yielding to the force of the disorder. Blisters were applied to the extremities, together with a cataplasm of bran and vinegar to the throat. Speaking, which was painful to him from the beginning, now became almost impracticable. Respiration grew more and more contracted and imperfect until 11:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, when, retaining the possession of his intellect, he expired without a struggle."

"No wonder," remarked the alleged libeler. "How could he struggle after losing about all the blood in his body, with huge blisters aiding in the depletion of his vital strength, and his stomach crammed with calomel and tartar emetic so that there was no room for food or fluids, which he should have had to keep up the system? Poor man, how he must have suffered; and he couldn't make them stop their torture, although he seems to have tried to do so. But the medical men certify that after repeated efforts to be understood he succeeded in expressing a desire that he might be permitted to die without interruption. There, my brother doctors, are you convinced? Wasn't that a clear case of malpractice?

Washington was 68 years of age when he died. He was not an old man by any means, especially for one of his physique and prudence. It is probable that with enlightened medical treatment he would have lived at least from five to ten years longer, if his life had not been shortened by what the physician quoted above justly characterized as malpractice.

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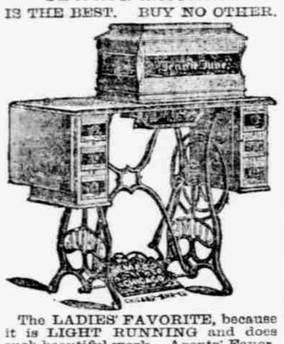

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Before heavy frosts set in cover still further with leaves, fine seedless hay, or chopped straw. In spring remove so much of this covering as has not settled between the plants. After the plants are toughened by exposure to the sun and air it will increase the size and amount of fruit if the small and less stocky plants are pulled out; but a fair supply of fruit can be obtained without even this trouble. If the paths are mulched with leaves, fine hay, or straw the plants will better stand a drouth. The mulch will also keep down the weeds, and if extended under the edge of the rows, will keep the fruit clean.

Poultry must not be allowed to intrude. A short pole with an old coat and hat hung upon it, just before the ripening of the fruit, will keep the birds away.

After the fruit is gathered, early in July, remove mulch from the paths. Save this for covering plants in the fall. Then cut away all the plants from one side of each row, thus destroying fully one-half of the plants. Plow deep or thoroughly spade up this cleared space, working in plenty of well-rotted manure. Rake off any old roots liable to catch. Manage always to keep the paths a few inches higher than the center of the rows, so that the newly prepared side should meet the old enough higher to allow for settling. When the runners get started it is well to turn those inclined another way toward the new side, and in case of severe drouth to place a handful of soil on some of them near the joints to insure enough taking root.

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The Breeding Mare.

To raise a good colt every year, says the *Practical Farmer*, is making a good investment. Like every other kind of stock, rearing it must be done well. The mare can work just as well as not if good sense is the driver. She must not be hurried or put to straining work. She should not be made to plow where there are fast stones and alongside of a fast-walking and go-ahead mate. Two mares in foal work the best together. The breeding mare should have time at noon to lie down a half hour and rest. She should have oats and bran for her food, and never be heated before or after the foal comes. It does her good to stop a few minutes while the driver is taking care of a stone or repairing the fence. We have known a farmer to do all of his spring's work with a pair of breeding mares, and raise two fine colts. He was never in a hurry, but his work was always well up. When the colts get to be 3 years old they may be put in a half day and "spell" the mare. Put the breeding mare in a box stall where she will be comfortable and the colt will be safe if she chances to drop it in the night. If the hired man kicks the mare, kick him off the place. Such outrages have been practiced on the mares and the result was the loss of the foal. Under all circumstances there should be gentleness.

Beavers Cutting Down Trees.

Landing at various points on the bank, the rasp of their teeth, as they gnawed through the firs and alders, was soon succeeded by the crash of falling timbers, as the trees succumbed to their brisk attacks. And here was first manifest a lack of that human reason attributed to these animals by so many writers. Instead of always cutting the tree upon the lower side, so that it would fall toward the water, they attacked it upon whichever side the shape of the ground or the growth of the bushes around made it most convenient, and, as a consequence, the trees fell in all directions—some up the hill, some down and some across.

The large majority, it is true, fell down hill, and the reason was plainly apparent upon a daylight examination, as fully 90 per cent. of them on both sides of the valley (and the same statement holds true of all those mountain gorges which we have seen) leaned in in that direction; a fact probably due not only to the common vegetable instinct of reaching out toward light and an open space, but also by the pressure, each succeeding spring, of the sliding snow upon the upper side. That "high water mark of civilization," the division of labor, was seen here in full force, for while one set of laborers confined themselves to felling the trees, another set lopped off the branches and divided the trunks into sections of the right length.

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The New Law as to Costs.

The law approved May 19th, 1887, "providing for the payment of costs, in criminal cases by the proper county," is likely to have important results, some satisfactory and others the reverse. The act stipulates "that the costs of prosecution accompanying every case of misdemeanor in any of the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of this Commonwealth shall, on the termination of the prosecution by the bill of indictment being ignored by the grand jury, or by a verdict of a traverse jury, and sentence of the court thereon, be immediately chargable to and paid by the proper county: Provided, that the county shall be liable only for the costs of such witnesses as the District Attorney shall certifiy were subpœnaed by his order and were in attendance and necessary to the trial of the case."

Also, "that when the record in any criminal case shall have been removed by writ of certiorari or otherwise to the Supreme Court for review, and shall have been therein disposed of, the necessary expenses of the District Attorney in connection therewith, including a reasonable compensation for his services, to be fixed by the court in addition to the regular fee now allowed him by law for trying the case in the lower court, shall be paid by the proper county; and the cost of the officers, including the costs of the Justice of the Peace and Constable, and all cases of wife desertion and surety of the peace shall be be chargeable to and paid by the proper county as soon as the case is disposed of by the order of the court; and it shall be the duty of the District Attorney and County Commissioners to use all due diligence to collect the costs, in every case mentioned in this act, from the party made liable therefore by the sentence or order of the court, and to pay the same into the county treasury."

In all such cases, heretofor, the county has not been required to pay the costs decreed against either prosecutor or defendant until one or other of the latter had paid the amount into the county treasury. Under the new rule, however, as above quoted, a very considerable sum of money, in addition to the already large aggregate of expenditure required for the purpose, must be paid out by the County Treasurer, and much of this outlay will likely never be made good to the county. But the Commissioners, who, with the District Attorney, are enjoined in the act "to use all due diligence to collect the costs in every case mentioned in the act from the party or parties made liable therefor," are not likely to sit quietly and see the county mulcted—or rather swindled—in such a manner. On the contrary, it is probable that they may proceed by capias against any and all prosecutors or defendants who have been directed by either the grand jury or court to pay costs, and make them disgorge if they possess property, real or personal, from the sale of which said costs can be realized.

While, therefore, the compelling of the county to pay the costs in the first place may, for a time, add to the deluge of cases sent up by the Justices and Aldermen that never should be sent up, the vigorous action of the Commissioners will be likely, in the long run, to make both prosecutors and defendants more chary of "going to court." When they know that, if the costs be decreed against them, the Commissioners will compell them to pay or sell their property, of whatever character, to make the county whole in the transaction, they will be disposed to seek some easier and cheaper method of settling their disputes. There is a law under which a jury of six may be empaanelled by an alderman to try a certain class of petty cases. That law will, with the changes in the statute may prove a good thing. For a time it will bring profit to the Sheriff and Justices and witnesses, at big expense to the county, and much consequent worriment to the District Attorney and Commissioners, but ultimately the profit is fairly likely to be for the litigants, in that it will impel them to be less frequently litigants.

Saving Seed Corn.

The importanc of saving seed corn by careful selection has been preached from time to time out of date, and repeated experiment has proven the necessity for care in the storing of the corn selected for seed. In sections where short seasons prevail early varieties are desirable, hence earliness ought to be promoted even in sorts already early by selecting such from stalks that first ripen their ears. The importance of choosing fair-sized, well-developed ears, taken from stalks which bore at least two ears, is apparent to every one who has given the subject any thought.

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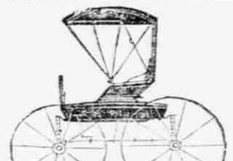

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