

Can Hydrophobia be Cured?

Mr. East True was bitten by a rabid dog last May. The dog had bitten several animals and was killed. Young True was bitten in the center of the inside of the right hand. Being in the country at the time, it was some twelve hours before he reached a surgeon, who cauterized the wound with nitrate of silver. The wound healed, and remained so until between two and three weeks since, when it became irritable and broke out again. Soon the first marked symptoms of hydrophobia showed themselves. Convulsions, "barking like a dog," frothing at the mouth, and making strenuous efforts to bite everything that came near. During these convulsions, the patient would seize the pillows from the bed in his teeth, and shake and rend them with all the seeming ferocity of an angry dog. An intense dread of water also exhibited itself, the sight of which threw him into the most terrible convulsions, at these times requiring the united strength of five men to keep him under subjection; in fact, every symptom of hydrophobia made itself conspicuous. The patient was attacked on Friday evening, January 19. On Saturday night, his physician, Dr. Axford, reached him, and at once was convinced of the terrible nature of the disease. Having had a case similar some seven or eight years since, where the patient recovered under his treatment, and has remained well ever since, after consulting the physician present, Dr. McCall, it was decided to place the patient under the same treatment which had been successful in this former case, which, for the aid it may be to others who suffer from this disease, we here give as follows:— The injection under the skin of large doses of morphia, and the administration of large doses of castor, which is a powdered antispasmodic. About one grain of the sulphate of morphia was injected under the skin once in four hours, and half a dram of the powdered castor, mixed with syrup, given internally. The effect was to produce sleep in about half an hour, which lasted about an hour and a half, when the convulsions returned again, and returned at intervals of an hour and a half, until nine o'clock Sunday morning, when the last convulsion occurred, after which he suffered severely from obstinate vomiting, until Monday at ten o'clock, when that also ceased, leaving the patient comparatively easy, but very much prostrated. Since that time he has gradually improved, and now is to all appearances quite well. In addition to the above treatment small quantities of chloroform were inhaled at times, and on Sunday morning the patient was wrapped in a woolen blanket wrung out of a warm solution of ammonia, eighteen to twenty grains to the ounce. This was the treatment which checked this fearful malady, and which Dr. Axford, for the sake of humanity, is anxious should be published to the world, and thoroughly tested.— Flint (Mich) Cor. Detroit Tribune.

Spring Chickens.

Very early spring chickens are generally dear and pay extraordinary well for raising, and they are much easier brought through the cold weather of the latter part of February and the following month than people suppose, and practical knowledge is worth much more than ought else. What I am going to say can be done, and has been accomplished extensively by the writer and his better half. Having little birds, rather larger than pigeons, sell for 75 cents each in April and May, giving a dollar per couple clear profit, is making money fast enough to satisfy reasonable people. The way to do it is to have the hens all comfortably lodged in a warm roost by the 1st of January.

Have some nice, snug, warily situated nests in a place near the roost for the hens to lay in, and contrive that they can go to and from without going into the bad weather, and if they have been well fed they will be laying when the new year begins, and if Brahma blood is in them (half will do) they will sit by the end of the month; after hatching, put them in coops which can be closed and made dark by fastening up a board—then in bad weather the chickens can be fed by letting down the board, and be shut up again as soon as they have eaten, which will cause the hen to sit still and nurse them till they are fed again; have no bottoms to the coops, and move every day, putting fine dry straw or any kind of litter under the coop when the ground is wet, but in moderate weather or whenever dry, let them be on the sod. Keep the hen confined until the chickens are a month old, unless unusually mild, and let these coops be on a slope facing south, and away from the haunts of the fowls. There are many days in February when the chickens will run around the coop picking blades of grass, &c., enjoying the sunshine which puts them in strong health, and clear confinement in cold spells, and during snow storms, which with these coops, do not hurt them at all; and there will be no dropping wings and no crying, as there invariably is when little chickens are raised in glass hot houses or in any kind of houses or barns; for in any of these places they miss the fresh ground to be daily moved on, and the fresh air and sunshine which gives them an appetite out-of-doors, how ever spacious the apartment may be. I have had to dig the snow away from the coops several times in the season, and brush places for them to be placed on, which is quickly done by having a spare coop and going from one to the other with a basket; and by 10 or 11 o'clock the whole of the broods, from 30 to 40 coops, would be seen as brisk as bees, a dozen and more at each coop, and racing to meet the feed.

The feed requires variation and should be given every two or three hours—say one day scalded meal at 7—wheat or barley at 9—cracked corn at 12—liver or other meat chopped fine, at 2—and bread sopped in milk with oats or any other dry grain, at 4, and then shut up. Next day, egg shells broken fine mixed with the morning's first meal, and give one feed of some kind of sprouted grain in about such a state as wheat is made, and vary

this feeding as convenient, and as the chickens seem to prefer one form to another; for generally what they like best is best for them, as nature seldom gives desire for that which is not good—and in case of anything being too rich, it will play them till the system requires more.—Country Gentleman.

Taking the Starch Out.

A lot of idlers stood upon the end of a pier, which ran out into the Hudson River, in one of the small towns near Albany, N. Y., a few days ago, amusing themselves with throwing stones into the broad stream, each vying with the other in the endeavor to pitch the missile at the father distance from the shore, when a tall, rugged built Vermont, direct from the Green Hills, suddenly made his appearance, in their midst, and for a while remained a quiet observer of their movements.

He was a brawny, good looking Yankee and was very decently clad. The efforts of the little party had been exhibited over and over and over again, when the stranger quietly picked up half a brick which lay near him, and giving it a jerk, it fell into the water a long way beyond the line which had as yet been reached by the foremost of the crowd. At the conclusion of this feat a loud bravo went up from half a dozen voices around him.

It was a clear day in October, and the men, determined not to be outdone, renewed their attempts; but the Vermont, without saying a syllable to any one, continued to pitch the pebbles far into the stream, which seemed to annoy one of the men in a green jacket, the apparent leader of the gang, who declared that he wouldn't be beaten by a "feller right straight out of the woods, no how," and sidling up to the stranger, he determined to make his acquaintance.

"Where do you come from, neighbor," inquired the other.

"Me? Wal, I hail from Vermont, just now, my friend!"

"You haven't been in these parts long, I reckon?"

"Wal, ho. Not exactly yere—but up and down sorter."

"Yes—so I s'pose."

"Yaas," continued the green 'un earnestly, seizing a big billet of wood, he whirled it over his head, and landed it several rods from the shore into the water.

"You're a little strength in your arms, neighbor?"

"Some punkins in the flippers, stranger. Up in our town, not more'n a month ago, I drive them as knuckles rite straight thru a board more'n a nish half thick!"

"How, how!" shouted his hearers, the man in the green jacket laughing the loudest.

"Maybe you don't believe it."

"Not much," answered the crowd.

"We ain't very green down here in York—we ain't," said he in the green jacket, you see.

"Wal, jest you look yere, friend," continued the Vermont in a plausible manner, "up in our country we've a purty big river, considerin'. Inyun River, it's called, and maybe you've heard of it."

"Wal, I have a man clear across that river 't'other day, and he came down fair and square on the other side!"

"Ha, ha, ha!" yelled his auditors.

"Wal, now, you may laff, but I can do it again."

"Do what?" said the green jacket, quickly.

"I can take and leave you across that river yonder, jest like the opea and shet."

"Bet you ten dollars on it."

"Done said the Yankee, and drawing forth an X (upon a broken down East bank) he covered one of the bugger's shin plasters.

"Kin you swim, feller?"

"Like a duck," said green jacket; and with out further parley the Vermont seized the knowing Yorker stoutly by the nap of the neck and the seat of the pants, jerked him from his foothold, and with an almost superhuman effort dashed the bully heels over head from the dock, and some ten yards into the Hudson.

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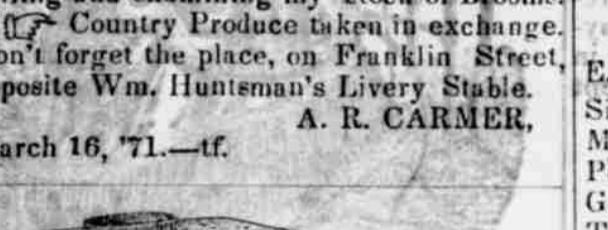
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