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OSLERISMS.

Probability is the rule of life especially under the skin - never make a positive diagnosis. Look wise, say nothing, and grunt. Speech was given to conceal thought.

There are

Incurable diseases in Medicine,
Incorrigible vices in the ministry, and
Indissoluble cases in law.

Syphilis is the only disease necessary to know. One then becomes an expert Dermatologist, an expert laryngologist, an expert alienist, an expert internist, an expert diagnostician.

Although one swallow does not make a summer, one tophus makes gout and one crescent, malaria.

Ye gods! Who serves you dies young. Venus, Bacchus and Vulcan send in no bills in the seventh decade. Arterio-sclerosis at 30 years is the result of serving these three gods, women, wine and work.

Lock out for Saturnine Encephalopathy on the state board!

The young physician starts life with 20 drugs for one disease, and the old physician ends life with one drug for 20 diseases. Doctors should always take their own medicine before giving it to their patients. The stomach pump would be used less frequently were this the case.

~~The man who dissolves gall stones is half brother to the one who aborts typhoid fever or pneumonia.~~

With cystitis and retention of urine in typhoid fever, call in surgeon for perforation of bowel, find bladder up to navel, and you wish you had never studied medicine.

Alcoholism or coma? Better admit a patient to the hospital dead drunk than turn him away to be discharged dead sober from the jail a little later.

~~Failure to examine the throat is a glaring sin of omission, especially in children.~~ One finger in the throat and one in the rectum makes a good diagnostician. Looking at a woman's legs has often saved her life. There are no legs South of the Mason and Dixon line - but limbs.

In neurasthenia or insanity, "cherche' le femme" - woman is at the bottom of most troubles. Pay as much attention to a woman's tears as to a goose going barefooted.

We do not expect to find ^{until} Dermatographia is an outward and visible sign of an inward and hidden instability - ~~we expect to find it~~ in students about the month of May.

Total abstinence varies in different communities - south of the Mason and Dixon line one drink a day would mean total abstinence.

The tapeworm has a cinch. It toils not, neither does it spin. Laved in the best of food, already digested, it passes its days in ease and pleasure.

Heberden's nodes, a few casts, a little albumen, mean a few clinkers - a little too much stoking up. We all have them after 40. Out out meat and drink, flush the drain pipe frequently, keep early hours, and we may yet live to a ripe old age. Excretion is difficult after forty, absorption before 20.

✓ Avoid women and wine - choose a freckled girl for a wife, they are invariably more amiable.

mark ✓ Common sense nerve fibers are seldom medullated before 40 - they are never seen microscopically before 20.

hand In Alabama and Georgia all right kidneys are not hitched up. The mental kidney more often than the abdominal is the one that floats. The physician who inspires faith in his patient can often save the patient from the surgeon.

A physician who treats himself has a fool for a patient.

When listening to heart murmurs you must tune up your auditory hair cells and smooth out your pacinian corpuscles.

Whenever you see the black skin (negro) think of two things, syphilis and tuberculosis. The silver lining of the melanotic cloud is KI and Mercury (quicksilver).

The smallest thing we have had to cause a relapse in typhoid fever was one chocolate drop, or one blue-point oyster.

Typhoid bacilli love to congregate and have a quiet ^{good} time in the gall bladder. Two bananas cause great changes in the stomach, and when they pass the papilla of Chiari this expands, a flood of bile is poured out, bacilli get loose, a relapse occurs.

Palpitation of the heart may be due to a lobster salad of the night before or the girl you left behind you.

Stomach troubles are often due to omphalism - self centering-locking at our umbilicus- omphalites of a high order. Lavage is often as beneficial to the brain ventricle as to the abdominal ventricle. A greatly dilated stomach is simply an epigastric swill barrel which is turned up and emptied occasionally.

✓ Bacchus has no chance against a good backing of Scotch Presbyterianism.

There are three awful things in medicine-
 Adiposa dolorosa mesenterica,
 Phlegmasia alba dolens, and
 Subluxation of the sacro-iliac synchondrosis.

There is a kernel of truth and a word of wisdom in each of these epigrams. Blessed is the one who can extract them.

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