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The Discovery of Quinine.

The discovery of the medical properties of cinchona bark is enveloped in great obscurity. All that we know about it for certain is this: Before the year 1668—that is to say, 150 years subsequently to the discovery of America—not even the Spaniards were acquainted with the febrifuge qualities of cinchona bark; but in this year, or thereabouts, the Countess del Cinchon, the wife of the Spanish Viceroy of Peru, was cured of a violent intermittent fever by drinking an infusion of the bark, and this led to its introduction into Europe. Were the natives themselves acquainted with it? Humboldt answers the question very positively in the negative, and refers the discovery to the Jesuit missionaries, who, being in the habit of tasting the bark of every tree they hewed down, at length discovered the precious febrifuge. Other authors of repute contend that the virtues of cinchona bark were known to the Indians long before the advent of the Spaniards; but the question again arises how they first became acquainted with its properties. To account for this the ridiculous tale has been invented that certain animals, while laboring under fever, happened to gnaw the bark of one of the cinchona trees, and were cured forthwith. Far more probable is it that some cinchona trees having been laid prostrate by the tempests in a pool of water, and the latter becoming charged with the medicinal principle, some person laboring under fever drank of this water, was cured, and published the result. But however this may be, it is certain that the remedy first became popularized in Europe through the agency of Count del Cinchon, Viceroy of Peru, whose wife, as we have said, was cured of intermittent fever by its administration. The new remedy, however, was badly received in France and Italy. The faculty set their faces against it. Physicians who dared prescribe its use were prosecuted, and it was only the patronage of Louis the XIV which ultimately rendered it popular in France. This monarch suffering from intermittent fever, was cured by an English empiric named Talbot, by means of a secret remedy. This was no other than cinchona bark. Louis XIV purchased the secret for the sum of 48,000 livres, and bestowed yearly a pension of 2,000 livres on the Englishman, besides giving him letters of nobility. Three years subsequently the remedy was published. It was a highly concentrated vinous tincture of cinchona bark. Cinchona trees grow in the densest forests of Peru. The task of discovering them, removing their bark, and conveying the latter to a place of export, is troublesome, difficult and dangerous. In these forests there are no roads. Frightful precipices intersect the path of the cascader, a bark gatherer, across which it is difficult to pass, even while unembarrassed by a load. So soon as the discovery of bark has been secured, these difficulties and dangers proportionately increase, so that the comparatively low price at which cinchona bark is procured is in itself a matter of surprise.—*Cassell's New Educator.*

Gold-Dust for Girls.

Nothing is coarser, more repulsive, and surer sign of vulgarity in the grain than gold, indelicately forward conduct by girls in public places. Yet I know young girls who are not vulgar, nor coarse, nor unrefined, who, through mere giddiness and thoughtlessness, offend in this way, and bring harsh criticisms upon themselves. They are regarded as far worse than they really are, and they lose what is girlhood's most attractive charm, the grace of modesty, by their unfortunate and hoydenish manner.

Exquisite manners, let me tell you, are worth several other polite accomplishments put together. When I see a school-girl who remembers to offer her seat to an old lady or an elderly gentleman; who remembers to give the newspaper to her father when he comes down to breakfast and has only a few minutes to read its world-sheaf of news; who remembers that it is not kind to hurry her eldest sister's reading of some attractive book, nor polite to begin the book till the other has finished it; who remembers to shut the door softly, and to find places in the Bible for aged eyes; to be good to the little hindering one who is always craving something from sister, and who remembers always to be a lady everywhere, I am sure that I have found one who will be a queen of home, if not of society.

A graceful, gracious, tender, considerate girl will inevitably make a glorious woman by and by. From the sweet, half-opened bud there will be evolved the rich perfection of the lovely flower. You must think it troublesome sometimes to be peculiar as to the way you speak to the people in your own house. "It is only brother Dan or cousin Matilda," you say; why should I modulate my voice, and soften my tones, and be so gentle in my bearing to them? Because it is the being lovely and courteous and winsome every day and all day, to the brother and cousin, to the companion and friend, to the child and the servant, which will mould you into a gentlewoman, whose manners will be as much a part of herself as the inner fibre of her character. To such a one it will be impossible to commit an act of rudeness as to a lie, and as natural to say and do agreeable things as to put on her gloves before going to church. [And, then, ought to wish to be polite and gentle and good, and not merely to seem so.—*Ed. News-Letter.*]

And now for more advice: Do not use slang. The average school-girl has, I regret to say, quite a vocabulary of slang, all ready for use. Young ladies who look like the very pinks of propriety, allow themselves to utter phrases which are scarcely excusable in their brothers, and which shockingly offend every tradition of elegance and every canon of taste. They do it for fun, and once in a while, as they think, forgetting that they are forming a habit which may not only become a hateful blot on their beauty, but which may seriously hinder and obstruct them at some future period. "By thy words thou art condemned, and by thy words thou art justified," we are told in the book of infinite wisdom.—*Mrs. M. E. Sangster.*

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washtenaw for the Year 1877.

ANNUAL SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 16, 1877.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Chairman.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Olcott from the Committee on Criminal Claims reported the following bills and recommended their allowance at sums stated:

	Claimed.	Allowed.
George W. Brown.....	\$19 83	\$18 83
Frank Whiting.....	2 35	2 35
James Hudler.....	25 07	23 07
A. J. McMahon.....	50 50	40 25
Joseph S. Vreeland.....	4 15	4 15
Franklin S. Cummings.....	30 12	23 13
H. L. Rose.....	34 51	31 51
E. W. Wallace.....	168 28	128 00
N. S. Case.....	61 45	59 45
John Gregg.....	26 16	27 16
Vonney H. Potter.....	28 75	28 75
Smith Wilbur, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Fred. Wurster, juror.....	1 00	1 00
J. C. Burkhardt, juror.....	1 00	1 00
George Clarken, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Peter Shults, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Edward Byeratt, juror.....	1 00	1 00
A. Hawkins.....	1 00	1 00
W. Thomas.....	1 00	1 00
John Keenau.....	1 00	1 00
Jasper Inas, juror.....	1 00	1 00
D. J. Loomis, juror.....	1 00	1 00
S. Sondheim, juror.....	1 00	1 00
J. F. Avery, juror.....	1 00	1 00
J. Donnelly, juror.....	1 00	1 00
J. Volland, juror.....	1 00	1 00
R. P. Cole, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Peter Dignan, juror.....	1 00	1 00
John Moore, juror.....	1 00	1 00
J. O. Smith, juror.....	1 00	1 00
John Clancy, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Wm. Clark, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Warren Tremaine, juror.....	1 00	1 00
L. S. Lerch, juror.....	1 00	1 00
O. F. Starr, juror.....	1 00	1 00
John Tice, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Matthew Dalton, juror.....	1 00	1 00
B. DeForest, juror.....	1 00	1 00
John Clancy, juror.....	1 00	1 00
John A. Nichols, juror.....	1 00	1 00
John Dow, juror.....	1 00	1 00
G. F. Mann, juror.....	1 00	1 00
P. M. Campbell, juror.....	1 00	1 00
A. W. Dutton, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Hugh McCall, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Thomas Boyd, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Enoch Terhune, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Randall Schuyler, juror.....	1 00	1 00
William Porter, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Philip Winegar, juror.....	1 00	1 00
G. V. R. Davis, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Roswell Waterman, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Moses Rogers, juror.....	50	50
E. LeSeur, juror.....	50	50
J. Keenan, juror.....	50	50
F. Wurster, juror.....	50	50
Nelson Sutherland, juror.....	50	50
Smith Wilbur, juror.....	50	50
J. F. Avery, juror.....	50	50
A. L. Noble, juror.....	50	50
A. Gwinner, juror.....	50	50
D. Kinsey, juror.....	50	50
Smith Wilbur, juror.....	50	50
John W. Maroney, juror.....	50	50
J. Peck.....	50	50
N. A. Drake, juror.....	50	50
B. J. Billings, juror.....	50	50
E. Duffy, juror.....	50	50
W. Lewis, juror.....	50	50
J. F. Avery, juror.....	50	50
Matthew Alber, juror.....	50	50
Seymour Goodyear, juror.....	50	50
B. F. Tuttle, juror.....	50	50
Asa Blackney, juror.....	50	50
Edward McNamara, juror.....	50	50
Eldad Spencer, juror.....	50	50
James P. Wood, juror.....	1 00	1 00
B. F. Tuttle, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Wm. Knapp, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Edward Munroe, juror.....	1 00	1 00
James Richards, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Jacob Staffin, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Wm. Knapp, juror.....	50	50
James Gilbert, juror.....	50	50
Jacob Van Huseu, juror.....	50	50
Loren Babcock, juror.....	50	50
E. C. Fuller, juror.....	50	50
Hugh Sherry, juror.....	50	50
Wm. Colson, witness.....	1 45	1 45
Henry Colson, witness.....	1 45	1 45
Myron W. Pratt, witness.....	95	95
Milo Hunter, witness.....	95	95
Alonzo Ferguson, witness.....	1 45	1 45
John McLaren, witness.....	1 55	1 55
David Horn, witness.....	1 55	1 55
Abner Beach, witness.....	1 15	1 15
David Dixon, witness.....	1 15	1 15
James McLaren, witness.....	1 55	1 55
David Webb, witness.....	77	77
Wallace Ferguson, witness.....	77	77
Charles Conklin, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Fred. Apple, witness.....	1 15	1 15
John Minnis, witness.....	1 15	1 15
John Hathaway, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Eugene Evans, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Sarah Evans, juror.....	1 15	1 15
Mary Warner, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Willie Drake, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Christian Forner, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Alfred Warner, juror.....	1 15	1 15
Mary West, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Wilson West, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Anstin Parker, witness.....	1 15	1 15
George S. Hunt, witness.....	1 15	1 15
O. A. Boyd, witness.....	1 15	1 15
William Hoppe, witness.....	1 35	1 35
Mary Hoppe, witness.....	1 35	1 35
Josephine Hoppe, witness.....	1 35	1 35
Willie Holden, witness.....	75	75
James Van Huseu, witness.....	75	75
Charles Van Orden, witness.....	75	75
Edwin Gorton, witness.....	75	75
George Whittington, witness.....	78	78

Mr. Burch moved that the bill of J. S. Vreeland be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Mr. Krapf moved that the report of the Committee be accepted and adopted, except the bill of J. S. Vreeland. Carried.

Mr. Case from the Committee on Civil Claims reported the following bills and recommended their allowance at sums stated.

	Claimed.	Allowed.
H. A. Tremaine.....	\$36 50	\$36 50
E. B. Pond.....	36 65	26 65
David Wiley.....	72 00	72 00
R. A. Beal.....	81 50	81 50
Wines & Worden.....	15 00	15 00
Douglas & Co.....	60	60
Mack & Schmid.....	6 50	6 50
R. A. Beal.....	24 50	24 50
R. A. Beal.....	9 00	9 00
R. A. Beal.....	23 00	23 00
R. A. Beal.....	9 25	9 25
E. B. Pond.....	50 25	50 25
R. A. Beal.....	43 75	43 75

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee of Supervisors of the several townships and districts, who were appointed a Committee to investigate the amount of fine moneys collected by the several Justices of the Peace in said townships and districts, made a report which was, on motion, accepted.

On motion Messrs. Gregory and Burch were allowed further time to report.

The Committee appointed at a citizens' meeting to take steps in regard to the manner, etc., of laying the corner stone of the new Court House, being present, reported that the corner stone could be laid within a short time, and requested the co-operation of a Committee of this Board.

Mr. Krapf moved that a Committee of five be appointed to confer with said Committee in reference to the laying of the corner stone of the new Court House.

On motion Messrs. Wheeler, Hatch, Yost, Burch and Young were appointed as such Committee, to meet at 11:30 this morning.

Mr. Shurtleff moved that the subject of boarding prisoners at the county jail be taken from the table. Carried.

Mr. Sutton's motion of yesterday, that the amount allowed the Sheriff, per day, for boarding prisoners be fixed at 66 cents, was declared lost.

Mr. Ball moved that it be fixed at 69 cents per day. Carried.

Mr. Case moved that in cases before Justices of the Peace, wherein the fine was remitted, or sentence suspended, that no cost be allowed said Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Yeckley moved to lay the motion on the table. Carried.

Mr. Yeckley moved that a Committee of three be appointed to investigate the whole subject in regard to fines and costs, in Justice's Courts, and report the same to this Board. Carried.

The Chairman appointed as such Committee Messrs. Yeckley Krapf and Whitaker.

Mr. Olcott moved that Mr. Yeckley be excused from acting on the Committee. Lost.

On motion the Board adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Board met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Mr. Gregory from the Committee on fine moneys reported as to Justice McMahon, and reports that he finds no fine moneys in his hands.

Mr. Webb from the same Committee asked for further time to report; which, on motion, was granted.

The Judge of Probate made the following report in regard to the insane from Washtenaw County sent by him to the Insane Asylum at Kalamazoo.

To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors of Washtenaw County:

I herewith have the honor to make my annual report to the Board of the number of persons sent to the Insane Asylum by me since the first day of January last, as follows:

First, Ellen Carroll, sent on the 19th day of February, from the township of Ann Arbor. Physicians examining her case, Drs. Donald Maclean and George E. Frothingham. Her husband, Thomas Carroll, has three children and no property. The entire expenses of supporting Mrs. Carroll at the Asylum, if she is kept there, must be borne by the County.

Second, Sarah Axtell, sent on the 5th day of April, from the Sixth Ward of the city of Ann Arbor. Physicians, Drs. Smith and Morton, Mr. Axtell is himself insane or demented, has no property, and is supported by his son. Mrs. Axtell will have to be a County charge.

Third, Israel Estey, sent on the 13th day of April, from the township of Lodi. Physicians, Drs. Maclean & Frothingham. Mr. Estey owns about eighty acres of land. He has no personal property, and is in debt about twelve hundred dollars. He has a wife and three children, all girls. His guardian, Mr. Edward Moore, has given a bond to pay one hundred and twenty-five dollars per year towards his expenses at the Asylum, the remaining expense will be a County charge.

Fourth, John Whitlark, sent April 18th, from Ann Arbor town. Physicians, Drs. Wells and Frothingham. Mr. Whitlark has property sufficient for his present support, and his friends have given a bond to hold the County harmless on his account.

Fifth, Amos Lazell, sent July 18th, from the township of Bridge-water. Physicians, Drs. Lynch and Wells. The proof shows him worth about eight hundred dollars. He has a wife and two small children, and is unable to pay any part of his expenses at the Asylum.

Sixth, Andrew Shuda, sent September 19th from the township of Ypsilanti. Physicians, Drs. Owen and Batwell. He is worth about five hundred dollars. He has a wife and four children. He will have to be a County charge.

In regard to the present condition of these several patients at the Asylum, I submit herewith a communication from the Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, and beg leave to make the same a part of this report.

The number of persons sent to the Asylum since January last may seem large; but it is the dictate of humanity as well as of experience and science, that patients of this kind, if cure is attempted or desired, should be sent at once to some institution where they can receive proper medical treatment and care, and I trust that your Honorable Board will not hesitate to act generously towards this important class of your fellow-citizens, afflicted as they are by the most terrible of all calamities, the loss of reason.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. HARRIMAN, Judge of Probate.

MICHIGAN ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, Kalamazoo, October 3, 1877.

HON. W. D. HARRIMAN, Probate Office, etc.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 1st inst., is received. In reply we would say that—

Ellen Carroll has made marked improvement, both physically and mentally, since she came to the Asylum. She now controls herself very well, and is slowly gaining mental strength. She will undoubtedly receive further benefit from the treatment.

Sarah Axtell was one of those unfortunate cases where treatment was delayed until fixed delusions had developed themselves, which unfortunately were of such a character as to interfere with the comfort and safety of all about her. These are gradually becoming modified under Asylum treatment, and she is much less irritable and excitable. If removed at present she would probably grow worse again. She bids fair eventually to regain a comfortable degree of health. It would be difficult to care for her at home or in the County Asylum.

Israel Estey suffers from a monomania of jealousy. Which rendered it unsafe for him longer to remain at home. Although he has been here only a few months, he has made gratifying improvement. He is in excellent bodily health.

John W. Whitlark's case was originally one of acute maniacal excitement. In consequence of previous attacks, which reduced his nerve tone, and established a tendency to periodicity in his disease, his excitement was followed by depression. He is now constantly under the influence of depressing delusions, and quite suicidal. He is in fair bodily health.

Amos B. Lazell, suffers from melancholy, and is actively disturbed most of the time. He is very suicidal, and takes food reluctantly. His bodily health is delicate, and he requires careful nursing to maintain his strength. Neither he nor Mr. Whitlark could be removed from the Asylum with safety.

Andrew Shuda, has hardly been here long enough to permit an opinion to be formed as to his prospects of restoration. He has periods of excitement, and his mind seems much impaired.

All of the above will probably receive further benefit from a longer residence here, and two of them at least, would not be safe elsewhere. Very truly yours,

GEORGE C. PALMER,
Assistant Medical Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Yeckley, the report was accepted and ordered placed on the journal.

Mr. Burch moved that the Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, and hear the report of the Committee on its visit to the County Poor House. Carried.

Mr. Webb, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on its visit to the County Poor House, made the following report:

Mr. CHAIRMAN—The Board of Supervisors, who resolved themselves into a Committee of the Whole to visit the County Poor House, would beg leave to report that they have visited that institution, and examined its various departments, and found each department in excellent condition, showing skill and good management. Therefore, in view of the same, I would, in behalf of the Committee, move that the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Van Ryper for the able manner in which they have discharged the duties entrusted to them.

Said Committee would further report that they have examined the improvements made at the County House, by the Superintendents, and found the necessary improvements made in a good and substantial manner, and upon examining the report of said Superintendents they found that everything had been done in a fair and honorable manner, and in our opinion, Washtenaw County is fortunate in securing the services of men who will look so well to her interests. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Board of Superintendents for the faithful and business-like manner in which they have discharged the duties entrusted to their care.

M. Webb, Chairman.

Mr. Yeckley moved that the report be accepted and placed on the journal. Carried.

Mr. Shurtleff moved that the report of the Superintendents of the Poor be accepted. Carried.

Mr. Yeckley moved that the report of the Superintendents of the Poor be referred to the committee to settle with the said Superintendents. Carried.

On motion the Board adjourned until to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

GEORGE S. WHEELER, Chairman.

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 1877.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Chairman.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Olcott from the Committee on Criminal Claims, reported the following bills, and recommended their allowance at sums stated:

	Claimed.	Allowed.
Ambrose Alford, witness.....	\$1 15	\$1 15
Owen Alford, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Irwin Alford, witness.....	1 15	1 15
Thomas Clarken, witness.....	10 20	10 20
C. Newell, constable.....	89 61	81 00
James M. Forsyth, D. S.....	123 67	122 92
James M. Forsyth.....	35 85	35 85
James M. Forsyth, constable.....	106 67	98 43
James M. Forsyth.....	108 60	106 04
Eli S. Manly.....	56 65	45 91
L. G. Overhine, Justice.....	3 97	3 97
Isaac Crane, witness.....	2 50	2 50
Wm. G. Shipman, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Bayer H. Ellis, juror.....	2 00	2 00
Bayer H. Ellis, juror.....	1 50	1 50
S. H. Ostrander, juror.....	2 50	2 50
Wm. H. Yost, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Wm. B. Martin, juror.....	1 00	1 00
George D. Thayer, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Reville Ackley, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Thomas Busby, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Henry Bishop, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Simcon G. Rowley, juror.....	2 00	2 00
Isaac Crane, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Charles C. Collins, juror.....	1 00	1 00
J. Remington, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Thomas Martin, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Wright Spencer, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Aaron P. Bucklin, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Alonzo M. Noble, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Judson E. Post, juror.....	1 00	1 00
James F. Seeley, juror.....	1 00	1 00
Silas S. Clark, juror.....	1 00	1 00
A. Jones, juror.....	50	50
Wm. King, juror.....	50	50
Richard Spafford, juror.....	50	50
C. Anderson, juror.....	50	50
Allen Pierce, juror.....	50	50
David Roderick, juror.....	50	50
James McKinstry, juror.....	50	50

