

### Poultices as Sedatives.

One reason why the old fashioned poultices fell into undeserved disrepute, says Solomon Solis-Cohen, *Journal of Amer. Med. Association*, was the fact that poorly made poultices necessitated such frequent change that the evil wrought by the disturbance outweighed the good done by the poultice. Well made poultices, retaining their heat from four to six hours, however, give so much relief from pain—thus acting as sedatives to the nervous system—that they may be classed among agents promoting rest.

### Fair Warning.

A popular Cleveland doctor tells this story of a bright boy, his own, who had reached the mature age of nine after an early career marked by many wild and mischievous pranks.

His restless nature has made him something of a torment to his teacher at times, and one afternoon not long ago she kept him in after the others were dismissed and had a serious talk with him. Perhaps she was a little afraid that her admonitions were falling on stony ground. Anyway, she finally said:

"I certainly will have to ask your father to come and see me."

"Don't you do it," said the boy.

The teacher thought she had made an impression.

"Yes," she repeated, "I must send for your father."

"You better not," said the boy.

"Why not?" inquired the teacher.

"Cause he charges \$2 a visit," said the scamp.—  
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