

### Treatment of Cardiac Failure.

M. A. Mortensen (*Journ. Mich. State Med. Soc.*) has seen great benefit, in a large number of cases of cardiac failure, from using a hot fomentation over the liver and abdomen, with a cold compress over the heart, followed by cold friction to the skin of the entire body. This procedure tends to diminish the congestion of the liver, which always accompanies a failing circulation, dilates the capillaries of the skin, and almost invariably gives some relief, at least in the first and second stages of broken compensation.

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### The Physician's Advice.

Once upon a time a very nervous man called on his physician and asked for medical advice.

"Take a tonic and dismiss from your mind all that tends to worry you," said the doctor.

Several months afterward the patient received a bill from the physician asking him to remit eighteen dollars, and answered it thus:

"Dear Doctor—I have taken a tonic and your advice. Your bill tends to worry me, and so I dismiss it from my mind."

Moral—Advice sometimes defeats its giver.

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### Foreign Bodies in the Tissues.

The best method for the removal of needles, thorns, and such foreign bodies buried in the tissues, according to Blair, of St. Louis, is that of raising a flap which has for its center the supposed site of the needle, etc. The part is rendered ischemic and an anesthetic, either local or general, is employed. The skin and superficial fascia are first raised and failing to find the foreign body, the deeper structures are raised, layer by layer, until the body is encountered.