

## A Potent Argument.

In a certain North Dakota town there are two physicians, one elderly, with a long record of cures; the other young, with his record still to make. The older doctor was inclined to surrender some of his night work to the younger man. An exchange cites an instance in which this "turning over" was attempted.

One winter's night Dr. B. was roused by two farmers from a hamlet ten miles away, the wife of one of whom was seriously ill. He told them to go to the other doctor, but they refused, saying that they preferred his services.

"Very well," replied Dr. B., thinking to put a convincing argument before them, "in that case my fee is \$10, the money must be paid now."

The men remonstrated, but the doctor was obdurate and shut down his window. He waited, however, to hear what they would say.

"Well, what shall we do now," asked the farmer whose wife was ill.

The reply must have been as gratifying as it was amusing to the listening doctor. It was:

"I think you had better give it. The funeral would cost you more."—*New York Mail and Express.*

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## Diagnosis of Coma.

It is of primary importance in cases of coma to ascertain if the patient can be roused, and the most effective stimulus for this purpose is firm and deep pressure on the supraorbital nerves, by getting the thumbnail into the supraorbital notch. If no effect is produced by this method, you may take it for granted that the case is more serious than alcoholic coma alone.—*Med. Sentinel.*