

Health, and supplied of a uniform strength at the infected house upon the order of that officer.

(b.) In places provided with proper systems of excrement disposal, excrements of cholera and enteric fever, after being treated in detail with the same disinfecting solution in ample quantity, may be safely put into the ordinary closet; but special care as to the flushing of drains and sewers, and special frequency in the removal and exchange of excrement receptacles, will commonly be wanted. Where the only closet is one that communicates with a cesspool or privy pit, the best arrangement for the disposal of infected stools that under these improper local circumstances may be found practicable will have to be adopted.

(c.) A substance generally available in the removal of filth from privies and ashpits, and for application to foul earth and the like, is sulphate of iron (green copperas), either in a strong solution made by stirring crystals of the salt with five or ten times their bulk of hot water, or in the form of powder, to which form the crystals may be readily brought after desiccation. This agent should be used in quantity sufficient to destroy all odour, and in the removal of filth accumulations it should be well mixed with successive layers of the matter to be removed. The dry form of application is to be preferred where masses of wet or semi-solid filth have to be dealt with.

(d.) For disinfection of the air of rooms, after the room has been prepared by the removal of persons, and of such articles as are best disinfected by heat, and by the closing of windows and crevices, sulphurous acid gas in ample quantity may be evolved, the doors being kept closed for six hours or more. The amount of sulphurous acid required for the disinfection of a moderate-sized room can be obtained by burning 1½ lb. of sulphur (roll brimstone) in a pipkin over small fire placed in the middle of a

room, with an old tray or the like to protect the flooring. These processes should be effected by skilled persons acting under the directions of the medical officer of health.

(e) After measures of disinfecting a room have been taken, all wall paper should be stripped from the walls and be burned, and the room ought to have its ceilings and walls thoroughly washed or lime whitened.

19. For detailed information on disinfection by heat, on hospital accommodation, and on smallpox, and on questions of school administration during the prevalence of infectious disease, see the office memoranda and reports on these subjects.

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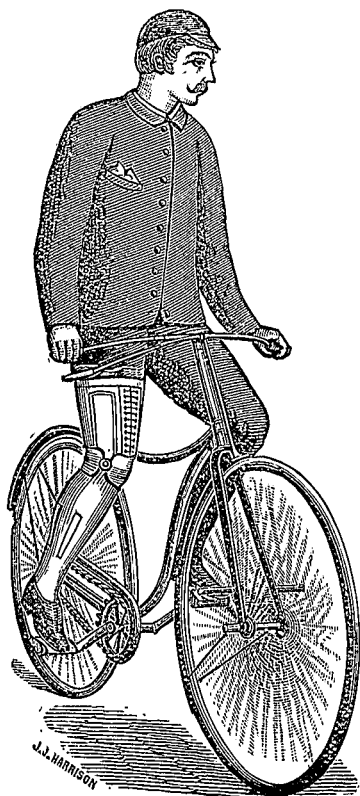
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\*A solution fitted for the desired purposes may be made with ½ oz. corrosive sublimate, 1 fluid oz. hydrochloric acid, and five grains of commercial aniline blue, in three gallons (a bucketful) of common water. It ought not to cost more than 3d. the bucketful, and should not be further diluted. The use of non-metallic vessels (wooden or earthenware house tubs or buckets) should be enjoined on those who receive it, and articles that have been soaked in it should be set to soak in common water for some hours before they go to the wash.

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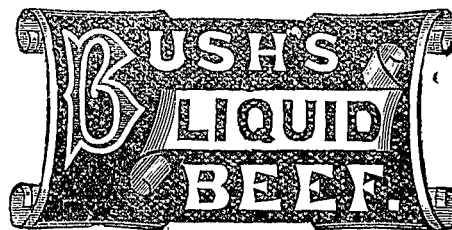
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