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#### English Quacks and Irish Patients.

English statesmen and editors try to make it appear that they cannot understand the real cause of destitution in Ireland. This ignorance of the English on the Irish question is only equaled by that of an old quack doctor who had been treating a child for some time, and finally discovered it to be in a dying condition.

"I never thought the poor child would die of croup," said the distressed mother.

"Umph!" exclaimed the quack. "Why didn't you tell me the child had croup? That's the first I heard of it."

The English have been dosing Ireland for seven centuries, and it is time they found out what was the matter. Our own opinion is that Ireland has been bled too much, and has not had quite enough to eat.

Changing the simile, the condition of Ireland reminds us of a poor day-horse that has yielded to bad treatment and starvation. A crowd gathers around the prostrate animal, and everybody proceeds to make suggestions. One fellow thinks that twisting the animal's tail or sitting on his head will restore him to his original health and vigor. Another asserts that a liberal application of the lash will cause the famished steed to renew his youth like an eagle. After everybody has had his say, a quiet old farmer takes a good look at the emaciated frame-work of what once was a horse, and then asks the exasperated owner, who is loudly asserting that the brute never did seem to thrive, no matter what was done for him:

"Did you ever try corn and kind treatment?"—*Texas Siftings.*

#### Men and Soil.

"Separated from the soil," said Mr. James Parton, the historian, in a recent lecture, "man never yet has succeeded in thriving. At best, without it, he is a potted plant, and some of the pots are miserably small. I have visited many factories in New England, and I find that wherever the operatives have a good-sized garden, with access to pasture for a cow, the people are healthy, contented and saving. Whenever this is the case, the factory population is able to live without actual starvation or extreme destitution in the event of the mills being closed for even a long period. Whenever they are separated from the soil, as in some of our large and crowded cities, there is equal or, demoralization and despair."

A MAN who visited the Signal Service Department while in Washington says it reminded him of a social party. All the people were talking about the weather.

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