

VACCINATION.

This is performed for the purpose of modifying or preventing small-pox, but it is doubtful whether it is of any real benefit. **I have treated small-pox in families where part of the children had been successfully vaccinated two years previous, and a part had never been vaccinated. In these cases I could discern no difference except that two of those who were vaccinated had it the most severe, while some who had never been vaccinated had it very light.** The advocates of vaccination are agreed that revaccination should be resorted to at every appearance of small-pox as an epidemic. **It is well known that some of the most loathsome diseases have been propagated by vaccination**, and that scrofula has been induced thereby, and even syphilitic diseases have been transmitted. **I cannot conscientiously advocate vaccination as practiced generally, neither would I oppose vaccination under every circumstance.** I would say to the reader, if you are going to vaccinate yourself or friends, **be sure you do not introduce other diseases; know where the matter used comes from** and that it is from a young, healthy cow or from the arm of a babe that is healthy and whose parents are healthy. **Owing to the uncertainty of obtaining good material I should hesitate before advocating vaccination.**

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