

AUTOMOBILIOUSNESS.

THIS new variant of an old trouble seems rather prevalent just now. The condition seems to start with autointoxication which, in turn, is an exaggeration or exacerbation of enthusiasm arising from overindulgence in a recently acquired motor. The superabundance of fresh air and exhilaration induce overeating, convenience leads to lack of physical exercise, waste products accumulate and automobiliousness supervenes. The disease in its incipiency may be recognized by a characteristic facies plus a peculiar affectation of dress and speech in which motor technicalities predominate to the exclusion of rational conversation. Satiety gradually tends to effect a restitution of the normal, but the physical changes are less easy of correction and may require drastic measures such as ablation of the motor, a gasolene-free diet and carefully regulated exercise before a cure results.

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