

A Specific for Smallpox.
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To the Editor of the Boston Globe:—

In submitting an article for the consideration of the people of the United States and Dominion of Canada at this epidemic crisis it is important for the people, and incumbent upon me, that the writer should be known. First, he should introduce himself; second, his subject; third the remedy; fourth, the testimony and evidence of the genuineness of what is put forth for consideration and adoption. My name appears at the close of this letter as voucher for the written statements and my experience. I studied medicine in Boston, in 1833, 1834 and 1835. Since then, with a diploma from Bowdoin College and a membership of the Massachusetts Medical Society, I have been familiar with the treatment of smallpox, have read and reflected upon its treatment for fifty years.

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