

VINEGAR IN URTICARIA.

MR. J. S. SWAIN (Canonbury Grove, N.) writes: I had a severe case of urticaria lately. I tried all remedies mentioned in Roberts's *Practice of Medicine*, without relief. I was told to try vinegar, and it gave almost instant relief. Since that I have had two other cases, with relief obtained from vinegar, to which one-third part of water is added; used externally.

THE FASTING MAN.

MR. G. N. ROBINS, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin. (Westminster) writes: The last five days of Signor Succì's fast were not marked by any special phenomena, except the continued loss of weight, averaging rather over half a pound a day, making the total loss during 10 days 34 lbs. 3 ozs.

On completion of his self-imposed task, Signor Succì was extremely wearied, but by no means exhausted. Nineteen hours after breaking his fast he had regained one pound in weight, and had not suffered any discomfort from resuming food.

Daily Record of Succì's Condition during Last Days of his 40 Days' Fast at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster.

Date, 1890.	Day of Fast.	Pulse.	Temperature (axillary).	Respirations.	Weight.	Dynamometer (kilogrammes).	Spirometer (cubic centimetres).	Urine passed (fluid ounces).	Urea = (grains).	Water consumed (fluid ounces).	Kaiser Brunnen (fluid ounces).	Hunyadi Janos (purgative) (fl. oz.).	Sleep (hours).
Apr. 22nd, noon	36	68	97.4°	18	94	13	1450	13	165.37	16	8	—	—
" 23rd "	37	58	97.4°	18	94	4	1450	16	157.6	19	8	3	5
" 24th "	38	56	97.4°	20	93	15	1450	13	165.1	14	4	7	6½
" 25th "	39	58	97.4°	18	93	4	1450	15	183.75	20	11	—	—
" 26th "	40	58	97.4°	22	92	0	1500	22	192.5	16	4	3	—

* Restless.

† Short intervals.

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