

Medical Items.

—It is said that Dr. Koller, the discoverer of the anæsthetic properties of cocaine, has recently fought a duel. His antagonist, one of Billroth's assistants, received a wound that may prove fatal.—*Boston Med. & Surg. Journal.*

—Dr. Carl Seiler, Lecturer on Diseases of the Throat, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., says:—"I have used the preparation called BROMIDIA, as manufactured by Battle & Co., of St. Louis, both internally and locally by means of a spray, in cases of throat affections, and found it admirably suited to certain cases."

—Prof. Dr. R. Fresenius of Wiesbaden, Germany, has made an analysis of Mellin's Food for Infants and Invalids, of which the following is a summary:—

Total Carbohydrates	72.56
Albuminoids	9.75
Salts	4.37
Moisture	13.32
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Starch and cane sugar, none; reaction, alkaline.

A copy of the detailed analysis and remarks of this first chemist in the world may be had by application to Messrs. Doliber, Goodale & Co., 41 and 42 Central Wharf, Boston, Mass.

TREATMENT OF CHOLERA.—In view of the possible visit of cholera to this country during the present year, any contribution to medical literature bearing upon the treatment of this disease should receive careful and earnest consideration on the part of the medical profession. By the researches of Dr. Koch, it is now known that acids are most useful to kill the cholera microbe, and have been successfully employed by the profession in Europe. Dr. Chas. Gatchell, of Chicago, in his "Treatment of Cholera," says:—"As it is known that the cholera microbe does not flourish in acid solutions, it would be well to slightly acidulate the drinking water. This may be done by adding to each glass of water half a teaspoonful of Horsford's Acid Phosphate. This will not only render the water of an acid reaction, but also render boiled water more agreeable to the taste. It may be sweetened if desired. The Acid Phosphate, taken as recommended, will also tend to invigorate the system and correct debility, thus giving increased power of resistance to disease. It is the acid of the system, a product of the gastric functions, and hence, will not create that disturbance liable to follow the use of mineral acids."