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The vast number of interesting Medical publications which have lately sprung up in the United States, is a strong evidence of their good taste and of the rapid progress of the cause of literature among them. The respectable appearance of these several periodicals is also a criterion of the encouragement with which they are so universally patronized. The addition of a new Journal to those which are now published in Philadelphia, promises to be of great advantage, from its appearing monthly and being, therefore, somewhat more at pace with the records of the daily improvements now making in the various departments of science. The monthly form, we presume, might also be said to possess the advantage of entering more minutely in the details of cases and observations which become the basis of those more elaborate essays, which do not allow of being condensed in the comparatively small compass of a circumscribed volume.

Such is, indeed, the value we place in the advantages of a Journal circulating more frequently, that we would even urge the propriety of their Editors collecting those facts which occur daily in practice, particularly in public institutions, although they should not carry with them any of those remarkable singularities which, from their rare occurrence, are calculated to gratify our curiosity, without much benefitting the art. Extraordinary cases should, indeed, be recorded, but it appears to us that, as they can only be objects of refer-