

—Dr. Imrie, House Surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital, has now quite recovered from the severe and painful poison-wound recently received in the performance of his duties. It has, unfortunately, produced a considerable degree of ankylosis of the wrist-joint and stiffness of some of the fingers. He is about to take a sea-voyage for the restoration of his health.

—Mr. Holden, in his recent Hunterian oration, told the following story, which illustrates the state of anatomy in Europe before the reformation brought about by Vesalius and Fallopius. The physicians in attendance on the Margrave of Baden Durlach disputed among themselves as to the position of his heart in his thorax, one of them contending with Galen that it lay in the middle, the rest being bold enough to affirm that it was on his left side. As this unfortunate doubt assumed the aspect of a serious practical difficulty, when it came to determining the precise spot on which should be applied the plaster which was destined to relieve the sufferings of the Margrave, it was decided to appeal to nature. A pig was therefore brought into the royal chamber, and opened in the presence of the sick man. The position of the heart was demonstrated to him: if in a pig, therefore in a prince. His highness gave way before this argument, and the plaster was placed accordingly; while the physician, who still had the temerity to defend himself by drawing an anatomical distinction between man and pig, was dismissed from the court.

—Prof. Billroth recently excised about six inches of the greater curvature of the stomach, including the pylorus, for infiltrating carcinoma. A week after the operation, the patient was doing well, and was able to take coffee, tea and other light nourishment.

—In Germany an attempt has been made to keep the followers of the homœopathic school from dispensing their own medicines, the plea alleged being infringement of the rights of the regularly-licensed pharmacists; but when specimens of the suspected pellets of sugar were submitted to chemical investigation, the report returned was, no medicine found; and the