

composed of the Celtic or Gaelic 'tob'—a surprise, and especially a pleasant surprise; and of 'bogadar'—a rapid motion, a shaking, a sliding; whence 'tobogging,' the rapid and pleasant descent down an ice or snow path."

Medical Items.

—A recent writer contends that the use of tobacco is a preventive of diphtheria.

—Dr. Osler will deliver an address on the 3rd of April next, before the Society of the Alumni of Bellevue Hospital.

—Dr. S. Weir Mitchell has been appointed Lecturer on Diseases of the Nervous System in the Philadelphia Policlinic.

—Dr. Leopold Wittelshöfer, the founder and until within a few weeks the editor of the *Wiener Medizinische Wochenschrift*, is dead.

—The *Canadian Practitioner* has made its appearance as a fortnightly journal. We wish our enterprising contemporary every success.

—A prize of \$2,500 has been offered by the Empress Augusta of Germany for the best model of a portable military hospital. All countries are invited to exhibit.

—Dr. Tyson has been appointed to the chair of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. Osler to the Professorship of Medicine in the Johns Hopkins University.

—We regret to have to chronicle the death of a very promising young practitioner, Dr. G. A. Dearden, in Victoria, B.C. He was in partnership with Dr. McSwain until the latter had to leave Victoria for his health; the whole of the very extensive practice of the firm falling on his shoulders proved too much for his strength. The immediate cause of death is said to have been cerebral congestion.

LITERARY.

—Seven hundred and twenty-eight is the record in numbers of the articles printed during 1888 in the *Archives of Gynecology* on the special subjects of its title. It is the aim of the editors