

SURGERY.

BLOODLESS OPERATIONS.

Bloodless operations seem to be the novelty of the day, though it has been shown by Mr. Erichsen that the application of the principle is not new. The simple bandage has already been superseded by elastic pressure, and improvements will probably soon be proposed. In Paris, also, surgeons try to economise the vital fluid in operations: and we see M. Verneuil, the ingenious surgeon of Lariboisiere, removing voluminous tumours of the face and resecting the upper maxilla by the galvanic knife to avoid hæmorrhage. But the value of M. Verneuil's cases is somewhat lessened by the fact that he ties the main trunks supplying the face before the operation. The greatest success which this surgeon has attained with the galvanic knife is in tracheotomy. The stumblingblock of men who start a novelty is the enthusiastic wish of applying it to all operations. Chassaignac formerly went so far as to perform lithotomy with his écraseur. We should be cautious also respecting another new contrivance—viz., pneumatic aspirators. These in certain cases are extremely valuable, but the cases should be well chosen.—[Lancet.

MEDICAL NEWS.

PATRONESSES OF QUACKERY.

Since the days of St. John Long, when duchesses entered the witness-box to depose to the marvellous effects of that impostor's liniment, there has always been an irresistible attraction for the ladies of the upper ten thousand in any delicate bit of quackery. Globules are distingué. There is none of the grossness or materialistic appearance which belongs to an apothecary's bottle—globules and dilutions being to medicine what the fragrance of an herb is to its medical potency. It is interesting to be in delicate health, and under homœopathic guidance that ladylike characteristic may be indulged without the discomforts of nasty bottles. Accordingly, the "crème de la crème" are, at least professed homœopaths; and we observe from the prospectus of a Homœopathic Bazaar that titled patronesses are neither scarce nor undistinguished. H.R.H. the Duchess of Cambridge leads off, supported by five other duchesses. Five marchionesses follow, among whom are especially notable the Marchioness of Westminster and the Marquise de Caux (Madame Adelina Patti). Next we have ten countesses and nine viscountesses, the Countess Granville leading this division. Then we find about fifty "ladies" or "baronesses," including such as Ebury, Elcho, Lawrence, Rothschild, Seymour, Havelock, Erskine, etc. The mere honourable and untitled ladies who bring up the rear are grand enough to shed lustre to any ordinary cause, including as they do such names as Mrs. Milner Gibson, Mrs. Knatchbull-Hugessen, and others whose husbands' names are linked with wealth, talent or fashion.—[Dublin Medical Press and Circular.

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