

cylinder. This sterile gas is heavier than atmospheric air which it displaces, and as a consequence renders the wound less likely to infection from the products of respiration and atmospheric contamination.—From report of Mississippi Valley Medical Association in *Medical Record*.

FOR INTERCOSTAL NEURALGIA.—

R Linimenti belladonnæ	f̄ 5j.
Linimenti chloroformi	f̄ 5iv.
Linimenti opii	ad f̄ 5iij.

Misce et fiat linimentum.

To be well rubbed over the painful area.—*The Practitioner*.

THE MURPHY BUTTON.—Dr. Dawbarn said that about the time when the Murphy button was first used in New York, he sent to Chicago and got one which he used in a case of gall-stone, the diagnosis having been confirmed by the operation. The gall-bladder seemed remarkably friable, and at autopsy—death having occurred in forty-eight hours—a distinct tear was found at the edge of the button. There was also a diffuse form of cancer of the liver, and this had probably led to the friable condition of the gall-bladder, although this viscus was not carcinomatous. He had sent an account of the case to Dr. Murphy before the latter had reported a collection of one hundred successful cases, and had afterward written Dr. Murphy to learn why this fatal one had been omitted. The answer was that he did not suppose the author of the case would care to have it reported since it was unsuccessful, and also because it was an attempt to unite a cancerous gall-bladder with the duodenum, which was not true.—From report New York Academy of Medicine in *Medical Record*.

Miscellaneous.

DR. J. ALGERNON TEMPLE and DR. ALBERT A. MACDONALD, of this city, have entered into partnership in the conduct of "Bellevue House," 87 Bellevue Avenue, heretofore Dr. Temple's Private Hospital for Women. Dr. Temple, whose reputation as an operator is so well known, has carried on the work of the hospital with singular success. Increased accommodation has been provided, and in order to keep up with the work, Dr. Macdonald, who has also devoted special attention to gynecology, has become associated with him.