

sium is much increased by combining it with the carbonate of ammonia. The proportions usually observed are two to three grains of the iodide, with four or five of the ammonia.

The ammonia acts as a gentle stimulant to the stomach, preventing the iodide from disintegrating; also, by the chemical decomposition itself being changed to nitric acid, and then by combination with the base of the salt, liberating the iodide in its free form.—*Id.*

Treatment of Vascular Opacity of the Cornea.—Mr. Critchett, of the Royal Ophthalmic Hospital, recommends the use of setons and other permanent issues in vascular opacity of the cornea of long standing, and in subjects of cachectic condition. He declares the use of mercurials, depressants, frequent leeching, &c., only aggravates the disease.

His treatment consists in making an issue in each temple and keeping it open for some months, at the same time allowing a generous diet, and even exhibiting tonics.—*Id.*

Transparent Cement.—According to Leuher's *Belgique Industrielle*, this may be prepared by dissolving 75 parts of caoutchouc in 60 parts of chloroform, and adding to the solution 15 parts of mastic.—*Id.*

Erysipelas—its best External Application.—The Boston Med. and Surg. Journal thinks that Cyanuret of Potassium in from half to two drachms, to one pint of water, is a most useful, if not the very best, local application for erysipelas.

To Remove Lunar Caustic Stains on the Skin, Linen, &c.—Take 1 drachm of cyanuret of potash to 1 ounce of water, and wet the spots. They will be removed in a few minutes by this solution.

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LICET OMNIBUS, LICET NOBIS DIGNITATEM ARTIS MEDICÆ TUEM.

THE LAST MEDICAL SCHOOL BILL.

Shortly after the incorporation of the "Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery," that body saw fit to present their students, for the sum of fifteen dollars, with a parchment document, which they were pleased to term "a diploma." This procedure, if not in direct contravention to the requirements of the act of incorporation, was certainly not provided for in the bill as it eventually passed both Houses of the Legislature. The power, however, to grant diplomas, was sought by the framers of the original bill; and had not the Legislative Council arrested it in its passage, and modified a clause which very modestly *assumed* the right of the corporation to issue "diplomas, certificates or testimonials," they would have had, even from the commencement, a legal right to do so. During the present session of Parliament, they have made another effort