

MEDICAL NEWS.

The English stamp duty on patent medicines in the year ended the 31st of March ult. amounted to 95,812 pounds, 10s. 7d.

Dr. Muter, analyst for the Lambeth district, in his last report states that out of twenty-nine samples of food, consisting of tea, coffee, bread, sweets, mustard, milk, and beer, which he had analysed, seventeen were found to be adulterated.

An Italian translation of the address on Medicine, delivered by Dr. Parkes at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association in August last, is being published in an Italian journal. The Italians are displaying great activity in translating from the English scientific press.

A marked case of hydrophobia from the bite of a cat occurred in Liverpool lately. A boy of nine, five weeks after the infliction of the wound, which had been waterized and dressed, gradually became averse to the sight or mention of water, and died in great agony from a succession of convulsive fits.

An important meeting of medical men and other persons, of various nations, interested in the solution of the problem of the best means of dealing with the sick and wounded in war, has just been held in Vienna. The various ambulance-waggons, cooking-waggons, and other articles exhibited in the Sanitäts-Pavillon of the International Exhibition have been examined and the merits have been compared. The Empress Augusta of Germany has addressed an autograph letter to Dr. Wittelschofer, the principal originator of the meeting, expressing the great interest which she feels in its objects.

The traders in the pseudo-diplomas of the so-called American University of Philadelphia have been attempting to do business in Cuba. Five of these documents were lately presented to the Spanish consul in Philadelphia, it being necessary that he should certify to the existence of the college in order to give the diplomas legality with the Spanish dominions. His suspicion, however, was excited by the fact that five had been presented to him within a month, at the time of the year when diplomas are not usually given. He therefore communicated with the mayor of Philadelphia on the subject, and the matter has been placed in the hands of the police.

THE MALADY OF THE FIRST NAPOLEON.

The following interesting letter, along with a lock of hair, has been recently discovered by Major Young, of Lincluden, Scotland. It was written to his father by Dr. Short, principal medical officer at St. Helena at the time of Napoleon's death: "St. Helena, 7th May, 1821.—You will, no doubt, be much surprised to hear of Bonaparte's death, who expired on the 5th of May, after an illness of some standing. His disease was cancer in the stomach, that must have lasted some years, and been in a state of ulceration some months. I was in consultation and attendance several days, but he would not see strangers. I was officially introduced the moment he died. His face in death was the most beautiful I ever beheld, exhibiting softness and every good expression in the highest degree, and really seemed formed to conquer. The following day I superintended the dissection of his body (at this time his countenance was much altered), which was done at his own request, to ascertain the exact seat of the disease (which he imagined to be where it was afterwards discovered to be), with the view of benefiting his son, who might inherit it. During the whole of his illness he never complained, and kept his character to the last. The disease being hereditary, his father having died of it, and his sister, the Princess Borghese, being supposed to have it, proves to the world that climate and mode of life had no hand in it; and, contrary to the assertions of Messrs. O'Meara and Stobo, his liver was perfectly sound; and had he been on the throne of France, instead of an inhabitant of St. Helena, he would equally have suffered, as no earthly power could cure the disease when formed."—[British Medical Journal.]

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