

## PERSONAL.

Dr. Lapthorn Smith, who has arranged to spend the summer visiting the Gynæcological clinics of Europe, will leave Montreal on the 21st May, and will be absent until the 21st of August. He has promised to send the CANADA MEDICAL RECORD monthly letters from London, Paris and Berlin, which are sure to prove of interest to our readers.

## PUBLISHERS DEPARTMENT.

APPLETONS' POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY FOR MARCH, 1898.

The opening article in *Appletons' Popular Science Monthly* for March describes A Summer Journey to the Sahara Desert; It is by Prof. Angelo Heilprin, of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences, and is copiously illustrated. Franklin Smith, under the title An Apostate Democracy, sharply criticises the degeneration of American political ideals and statesmanship. Dr. Fred E. Leonard discusses, the important question of Physical Training in the Colleges; he points out the good results which have followed its general introduction, and gives a general survey of the methods in use at different institutions. The pioneer scientific society of the West, The Academy of Natural Science at St. Louis, is described by Prof. Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago. In a World Half as Large is the title of an article by the late M. J. Delboeuf, discussing some of the inconsistencies of Laplace's *Exposition du Système du Monde*. The concluding chapter in Prof. William Z. Ripley's series on the Racial Geography of Europe takes up the problems of city populations. An interesting archæological paper, by F. S. Dellenbaugh, is entitled Fabric-Marked Pottery. The Taxation of Choses in Action is the title of David A. Wells's sixteenth chapter. Harold W. Fairbanks describes the curious geologic structure of the Great Sierra Nevada Fault Scarp; the text is accompanied by instructive illustrations. The first Thermometers, by M. P. Duhem, gives a history of this now universally used instrument, and describes some of the curious forms in which its principle was first applied to ascertaining temperature. The Sketch is of Sir Joseph Lister, the author of antiseptic surgery. The Claims of Science and the Upward Struggle of Society are the titles in the Editor's Table.

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## PAIN IN OTITIS.

Dr. George H. Powers, Professor of Optbalmology and Otology in the University of California, San Francisco, in an article in *The Medical News*, writes as follows in reference to the treatment of pain in otitis: "At my first visit I found a copious discharge of bloody serum from the ear with hardly a trace of pus. He suffered from severe cephalalgia, but there was no special tenderness in or about the ear, and no swelling. Thorough cleansing of the meatus with dry cotton relieved the pain in the head remarkably, and with a dose of antikamnia, 10 grains, he slept some hours."

## SANMETTO THE STANDARD PREPARATION FOR GENITO-URINARY DISEASES.

For some years I have been a very warm admirer of Sanmetto, and have found its action marked and well defined in the cases wherein I have used it. In cases of prostatitis, with loss of virile power in elderly men, I find its action superb. In chronic specific urothrits, cystitis and all irritable conditions