

a concert which she gave in favour of the Bristol Royal Infirmary and the Bristol General Hospital. Some of our stranger visitors might give a concert also, and act in the same way in favour of the Montreal General Hospital, the funds of which would be materially benefited by an addition of that nature.

*Suicides in France.*—The average number of suicides each year in France, according to the *Annuaire Encyclopedique*, is 3899, of whom only 482 were females. It is in April, May, June, and July, that they are most frequent; and the age of the greatest number of persons committing them is from 40 to 60. Of the total 2833 are accomplished by strangulation or drowning; 271 by suffocation from the fumes of charcoal; 395 by fire arms; 153 by sharp instruments; 110 by leaping from high places; 98 by poison, and the rest by different means.—(*Lancet.*)

*A Medico-legal Puzzle.*—The *Medical Gazette and Times* says, that a wretched case has been noticed in the newspapers of a woman servant, in whose box were found the bodies of two infants dried to mummies. As far as concerns the evidence it gives of immorality and consequent infanticide, it is unhappily not worth notice; the point of interest was the impossibility of deciding whether these desiccated infants had been born alive or not."

*The dress of the London Police.*—Mr. Childs, surgeon of the London City Police Force, after denouncing the present dress worn by that body, as totally unsuited in a hygienic point of view to the necessities of the men, and the hat especially, as "affording no protection in a struggle; liable to fall or be struck off, weighing even when dry 14 oz., and affording no protection to the eyes, face, ears, and neck; causing headache; recommends one shaped like a Greek helmet, and as body dress, a long tunic with means of ventilation at the arm pits, water proof leggings over the trousers, flannel underclothing, and well fitting arched boots instead of those now in use.

*The Capture of Nana Sahib.*—It appears that Mr Nugent Sullivan, apothecary to the General Hospital at Kurrachee, is the party who captured this infamous and bloodthirsty wretch. The *Bombay Times* says, "that Mr. Sullivan deserves the highest credit for the tact, zeal, and energy he has displayed in the matter; were it not for him the Nana would now have been free, and the bird lost after it had been caged. Should the reward promised by government be granted, Mr. Sullivan, in our opinion, merits the lion's share of it."

*The Montyon Prize of 2500 francs.*—The Academy of Sciences of Paris, has awarded to Messrs. Lallemand, Perrin, and Duroy, the above prize for their work "on the action of Alcohol and of Anæsthetics on the system." It was the only prize on Medicine and Surgery awarded this year.

*Animal Magnetism.*—The French lawyers, singular to say, have not decided whether animal magnetism is or is not a humbug. Most of the legal decisions have been given in the negative. On the 12th December last, the *Cour de Cassation* decided that the practice is roguery when the magnetic sleep is simulated. No very great discovery that!

*An Interdict.*—The Bishop of Poitiers, at the instigation of a pharmaceutical society, has addressed a circular to Messieurs the Directors of the Religious Communities, and to the Curés of his Diocese, in which he recommends them to prevent *les religieuses* from practising pharmacy, medicine or surgery.—(*London Med. Gazette.*)

*Nicotine in the Viscera of a Snuff-taker.*—Mr. Morin has examined the liver and lungs of a determined snuff-taker, aged 70. The organs cut up into little pieces, or rubbed in a mortar with powdered glass, were brought into contact with distilled water, acidulated by some drops of sulphuric or oxalic acid. After several days, the liquid was filtered through paper devoid of carbonate of lime, and reduced to one-third by ebullition. As it became thus concentrated, flocculi were produced and deposited. Thus reduced it was filtered again, and pure