

have been tested in England, and found to possess all the richness, flavor and aroma of the best mocha coffee. This will be interesting information to the consumers of coffee, as the important article commands an exorbitant price in our market, while the asparagus is easily cultivated and prolific in its yields.—*Boston Med. & Surg. Jour.*

*Dropsy.—Diuretic Wine.*—M. Grand, pharmacien, publishes in the *Repertoire de Pharmacie*, for June 1854, the following formula for diuretic wine: sliced bulbs of squill, eight parts; powdered digitalis, eight parts; canella, twelve parts; acetate of potassa, fifteen parts; Madeira wine, five hundred parts. Macerate for eight days and strain. The dose is half an ounce, which may be increased to a wine glassful daily.—*Virg. Med. & Surg. Jour.*

*Herpes—Ointment.*—Dr. Quintanilla announces in the *Bulletin de Medicina*, that he has succeeded in curing a large number of obstinate herpetic eruptions by the following ointment: R. Of powdered cinnabar, 4 parts; sublimed sulphur, 2 parts; landanum, 2 parts; fresh butter, 32 parts; with a few drops of essence of mint. The diseased surface should be carefully cleansed with warm soap water thrice daily, and then covered with ointment.—*Id.*

*Frictions with Vinegar to cure Itch.*—Dr. Le Cœur has cured ten cases of itch, by frictions with vinegar. He has them rubbed three times a day with a hard sponge well moistened with vinegar. The friction is to be rough enough to destroy the vesicles. The medium duration of the treatment in these cases was less than five days. He thinks it may be reduced to a much shorter time by general frictions practiced in the same manner. The economy, absence of disagreeable odor, facility of application, and the celerity of action, render this method of cure worthy of a trial.—*N. Y. Med. Gaz.*

*Prof. Erichsen's Prescription in Scrofula.*—In his *System of Surgery*, he says he has found the following prescription most efficacious in removing strumous enlargements and deposits of aplastic and tuberculous matter:—

R Potassii iodidi:  
Potassæ chloratæ aa ʒi.  
Potassæ bicarbonate ʒiii.

Divide into twelve powders, of which one is to be taken night and morning in half a pint of warm milk.

## PERISCOPE.

*Treatment of Gangrene of the Lungs.*—Prof. Skoda, of Vienna, has recently published four cases of gangrene of the lungs successfully treated by inhalations of the vapor of oil of turpentine and internal use of sulphate of quinine. Under this treatment the cure was rapid, without