

MEDICAL NEWS.

Hirschfeld, the Chef de Clinique de l'Hotel Dieu, and great writer on the nervous system, has been lately appointed Professor of Anatomy in the Imperial Academy of Warsaw. The appointment is remarkable from the fact that it is the first instance of a Jew being allowed to hold office in Russia. . . . Mrs. Ann Martin, a wealthy huckster of Detroit, has donated to that city landed property to the value of \$20,000 for use as a Free Hospital. . . . The Emperor of Austria, it is reported, is suffering under some serious cerebral symptoms, which are supposed to be the results of the injury inflicted on him when struck by the dagger of a man who attempted to assassinate him some years ago. . . . A German savant has taken the trouble to count the number of hairs existing in four heads of hair, of different colours. He found in a blond 140,409 distinct hairs; in a brown, 109,440; in a black, 102,960; and in a red, 88,740. . . . The young Princess Windischgrätz has been accidentally poisoned by chloroform, having inhaled too strong a dose for the relief of a headache, to which she was liable. . . . A gentleman of Exmouth, named Hayne, has recently died, leaving the Devon and Exeter Hospital a legacy of £15,000, and large sums to the Blind and Deaf and Dumb Institutions of Exeter. . . . Four hundred doctors dined recently in the grand hall, Hotel du Louvre, to celebrate the defeat of the homœopaths, in their action for libel against "Le Journal de Medicine." . . . A Quack in a canton of Switzerland having told a girl that her "spasms" were owing to her having been bewitched by the wife of a tradesman in the neighbourhood, was condemned by the court before whom the matter was brought to damages and to imprisonment for his impudent calumny, and £28 fine, with costs, for illegal practice. . . . It was once observed that the College of Physicians, London, cut a very sorry figure by the side of its newly-painted neighbour, the Union Club. "Oh!" quoth a wag, "the reason is obvious—they have painted their's in distemper." . . . Five young Persians have arrived in Paris from Teheran; two of them to study medicine, two to be educated in military schools, and the fifth, who is a nephew of Feruck Khan, to be an outdoor pupil of one of the principal colleges. . . . THE TESTIMONIAL MANIA. The Halifax (Eng.) Courier says:—"It is actually intended to present a testimonial to the man Hodgson, of Shipley, from whose shop was purchased the arsenic used in the lozenges which poisoned so many people in Bradford some months ago." This mania is becoming a public nuisance. . . . PORSON'S ESTIMATE OF DOCTORS. "Porson thought meanly of all the science, and hated consulting physicians. He once said to me: 'I have been staying with Dr. Davy at Cambridge; I was unwell, and he prevailed upon me to call in a physician, who took my money, and did me no good.' He once was declaring that he had not the slightest dread of death, and that he despised *jabula aniles*, when Dr. Babington said to him:—'Let me tell you, Porson, that I have known several persons, who, though when in perfect health they talked as you do now, were yet dreadfully alarmed when death was really near them.'" *Rogers's Porsoniana*. . . . A LARGE MEDICAL FEE. Scanzoni of Wurzburg attended the Empress of Russia in her last confinement, and received for his services \$25,000. . . . Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, who for several years has practised medicine in this