

muscles supple. After their contests the mixture of the oil and sweat which formed on the skin was carefully scraped by bronze instruments called *strigiles*, and was highly valued. It was made into pills, and had a great reputation for endowing with strength and prolonging life. Pliny says that certain gymnasts made as much as 80,000 sesteriæ a year by the sale of the *strigamenta*, as the product was called; that is equal to nearly \$3,000 of our money.

CURIOUS COSMETIC INVENTION.—In Paris, says the *Lancet*, false ears are a new manufacture for the toilet. Ladies who think they have ugly ears place these artistic productions under luxuriant tresses of false hair, fasten them to the natural ears, and wear them for show. False hair, false teeth, false breasts, false hips, false calves, false ears—what next?

PISCATORIAL.—This, to his assistant, from one of our prominent physicians, who is off on a little fishing excursion:—

Doctor—"Tell everybody I am off to the country in attendance upon a bad case." "But patients are so curious," was the response, "what shall I say of the case; give it a name." "Well, call it, let me see—yes, call it a case of *ichthyosis*."—*Cin. Lancet*.

THE HIGH PRIESTS OF SURGERY.—In other departments surgical ingenuity is strained in its sublimest heights by the invention of steam engines for the destruction of *hypothetical* entities, and the modern surgeon, like the priest of old, performs his thaumaturgy amid a cloud of incense and an abominable smell.—*Press and Circular*.

—In his recent visit to Russia, Professor Charcot was entertained by Madame Dr. Tarnovsky, a woman practitioner of eminence in St. Petersburg. The professor, at a professional banquet, expressed himself in terms of high praise about the "lady doctors," setting an example to the profession across the channel which they ought to imitate.

—The most remarkable instance of heredity on record is a case reported by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. A young lady