

with an electric bulb. He says that the osseous matter at the sections of the points will thereby be expanded and the growth of the bones stimulated. The bulb is also applied to the spine. Two-fifths of an inch a month can be added during six months' operating. After six months the continuous treatment is to be stopped temporarily, and is resumed later if necessary. The patients should be young and supple, otherwise the effects of stretching their joints may be grave.

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A Rome correspondent writes that upon the feast of St. Joachim, Sunday, August 18th, the Holy Father's patron saint, the customary reception held every year, on this occasion took place at the Vatican. The Holy Father admitted to his presence the Sacred College of Cardinals. Cardinal Oreglin, the dean, read a congratulatory address, to which His Holiness eloquently replied in a short allocution. The Pontiff afterwards received the Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, the members of the Papal Court and of the Roman aristocracy, the representatives of the Sovereign Order of Malta, and deputations from various religious bodies and Catholic associations. With his usual affability, Leo XIII had a word of kindness and fatherly benevolence for all, showing himself possessed of that intellectual vigor and prodigious memory for which he is justly famous. Indeed, the Holy Father, a splendid illustration of *Mens sana in corpore sano*, was looking remarkably well in spite of his great age and the unremitting labors of his exalted position.

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September 6th, the whole world was stricken with consternation and horror at the news that the Chief Magistrate of the United States was mortally wounded by two pistol shots aimed by Leon Czolgosz. Hopes of recovery were entertained, but President McKinley succumbed September 14th. The shooting took place at Buffalo on the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition, in presence of 3,000 people who had crowded into the Temple of Music, while 10,000 others stood without waiting for a chance to enter and shake hands with the President. The late Mr. McKinley is the third President to be assassinated, the two others being Lincoln and Garfield. Czolgosz, Booth and Guiteau, the assassins in each instance, were native-born. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt succeeds as the twenty sixth President of the United States.