

hear, the sound being conveyed through the medium of the teeth and auditory nerve. It is made of hard rubber, in the shape of a fan, very thin and elastic, and when in use is placed against the interior edge of the upper teeth, and the sound falling upon the external convex surface of the instrument is conveyed to the auditory nerve. Persons who have been deaf for years have been enabled to hear by its use.

**MALTINE.**—This new preparation has been received with marked favor by the profession. For some time past we have been using it in our practice, and can speak from experience as to its merits. It is a most excellent nutritive tonic, and will be found most valuable in the treatment of nervous prostration, general debility and exhaustion, and also in lingering convalescence from fevers or other depressing affections. Combined with cod-liver oil it will be found highly beneficial in the treatment of pulmonary diseases, while the combination with pepsin and pancreatine is almost invaluable in the treatment of dyspepsia.

**CANADIANS ABROAD.**—B. Spencer, M.D., Trinity College, and W. H. Burton, M.D., Toronto University, have successfully passed the primary examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, England.

**REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF GREAT BRITAIN.**—Sir Brydges Heniker has been appointed Registrar-General of Great Britain instead of Dr. Farr, whom everybody expected would receive the appointment. The appointment is entirely disapproved by the medical profession, as the appointee is in no way qualified for the position.

**VAGINAL HYSTEROTOMY.**—Prof. Jenks, of the Chicago Medical College, has recently performed with success the rare operation of vaginal hysterotomy, removing the entire uterus through the vagina. The uterus was the seat of malignant disease and was so involved that nothing short of entire removal held out any hope of benefit. The patient made a rapid recovery.

**IMPROVED MEDICINE BOTTLE.**—Mr. J. H. Earle, of Fall River, Mass., has invented an improved medicine bottle, designed to receive and support the spoon used in taking the medicine. The bottle has upon one side of its base a cup of suitable

size and shape to receive the greater part of the spoon bowl, and near the top is a clip for holding the handle. It is known as Earle's medicine bottle.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Dr. R. Lesslie has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer at Trinidad. Drs. A. E. Malloch and E. G. Kittson have been appointed Visiting Physicians to the City Hospital, Hamilton, Ont., and Dr. Rosebrugh has been appointed on the Consulting Staff.

**ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**—Dr. Day, Trenton, is a candidate for the representation of Quinté and Cataragui Territorial Division in the Ontario Medical Council.

**VIBURNUM PRUNIFOLIUM TO AVERT ABORTION.**—This remedy has now come to be regarded by many medical practitioners as a most valuable agent for the prevention of threatened abortion and miscarriage. It is administered in teaspoonful doses of the fluid extract every one or two hours, which soon checks the pains and hæmorrhage.

**COMMON SALT AS A LAXATIVE.**—A teaspoonful of table salt in a glass of cold water, half an hour before breakfast, is recommended by Dr. Weir Mitchell, Prof. Yandell and others, as an efficient remedy for constipation of the bowels. With most persons it acts pleasantly, promptly and effectually.

**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS OF 1881.**—At the ordinary meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London on Thursday last, the President brought forward a proposal that had been made to hold the Medical Congress in London in 1881, and it was resolved that it was desirable such a Congress should be held, the President being authorized to take, conjointly with the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, the necessary preliminary steps.

**COOK'S GRAND EXCURSIONS TO EUROPE.**—People who contemplate travelling in Europe will consult their own interests by investigating the Grand Excursions arranged by Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, of London and 261 Broadway, New York, for the year 1880. We have before us a handsome pamphlet of 64 pages, just issued by the above firm, giving full particulars of their tours,