

cases a decided improvement took place; the step taken became less uncertain, the power of co-ordination was improved, and the patients were enabled to take long walks and to go up and down stairs.

The general sensibility was not affected by the treatment, except in one case, in that it was improved.

The eyes, which were more or less affected in all the cases, were not benefited by the treatment.

In addition, it was curious to observe, as one of the effects of phosphorus, in all the patients, a general contentment, a peculiar feeling of well-being, which made them desire the continuation of the treatment after they had once been submitted to it.—*N. Y. Medical Journal*.

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## MEDICAL NEWS.

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### ANECDOTES OF MALGAIGNE.

A good tale or two is told of Malgaigne in the *Gazette Medicale de Lyon*. "How do you proceed," he asked a candidate, "in performing the operation of extraction of cataract?" "I—I," hesitatingly replied the youth, "empty the anterior chamber." "Very well; and next?" The candidate, seeing himself thus encouraged, and believing himself to be on the right road; "And then I empty the posterior chamber!" "Capital; and then?" "I—I—I—" Why, you stick up a bill, *chambre à louer*." In the next the candidate was evidently a sharper fellow than this noodle. Malgaigne, interrogating him upon the rotation of the stomach in its conditions of vacuity and repletion, and on the relative gravity of the organ in these two different conditions, in order to put the question more precisely, said, "Now, sir, if you were called out to fight a duel, would you think it more prudent to breakfast before or not?" "By my faith, sir," replied the other, "I would breakfast before, because I could by no means be sure of being able to do so afterward." The last we give in the original. Examining a would-be *officier de santé*, he asked him how he would proceed for the extraction of the placenta. "Je tirerais sur le cordon." Et après? "Je tirerais sur le cordon." "Bien, mais si rien ne venait?" "Je tirerais plus fort sur le cordon!" "Eh! Monsieur, une portière en ferait autant que vous."—*N. Y. Med. Journal*.

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### HOW TO UTILIZE LEECHES.

The German doctors have lately been playing their leeches a droll trick—making one worm do the work of many. When the little blood-sucker has taken his fill and is about to release his bite, he is tapped; a small