

ined by M. Bouchut, in whom the body was only slightly deformed, but in whom the head was increased in size and the anterior fontanelle open, and some of whom had, and some of whom had not had convulsions, the eye preserved its natural appearance. There was neither alteration of the pupil, nor any disorder of the venous circulation of the retina. Hence, he says, by means of the ophthalmoscope, we can distinguish between rickets and chronic hydrocephalus.

EXPLANATION.—*Answer to the Canada Medical Journal.*—Dr. John C. Johnson's operation for exsection of ankle-joint, reported in the April number of this Journal, was made February, 1862. Any one desirous of fixing the date more definitely will, no doubt, be supplied with the facts upon application; we are unable to supply them at present.—*Buffalo Medical Journal, June, 1865.*

A SURGEON TO HIS SWEETHEART.

Organization's loveliest flower,
 My own that system let me call,
 The heart of this is in thy power,
 Chordæ tendinæ, valves, and all.
 The corneæ of those globes of sight,
 Diaphanous as morning dew,
 Give passage to the rays of light
 Reflected from each iris blue.

Above those orbits, mind is there,
 Anterior lobe, os frontis full,
 Beneath that scalp of raven hair
 Mine eyes discern a perfect skull.
 With smiles those muscles wreath the face,
 Matched with the lily, where the rose,
 Just planted in its proper place,
 Right o'er the buccinator glows.

Within the white and slender hand
 Which that fair female subject owns,
 How lax each ligamentous band
 That binds the metacarpal bones!
 Those bones, compressed, that hand, in sport,
 Will let her slip that bracelet through:
 Just as the humbugs Davenport
 (Who've sloped) the rope-trick used to do.

Oh, may that hand's palmaris be
 Stretched close as possible to mine!
 And may our sentiments agree
 Whilst our phalanges interwine.
 Let then, to bind me to my bride,
 With union ne'er to be undone,
 The nuptial ligature be tied,
 And Hymen's suture make us one.