

a dentist of ten years' standing to enter upon the study Medicine without passing the Matriculation.

—The Cincinnati *Lancet and Clinic* is responsible for the statement that there lives in Porkopolis a physician who when called to see a case which he does not understand, is habitually seized with a sudden call of nature, and while in the seclusion granted by the haunts devoted to evacuant purposes, he gets out his "little giant crammer" and posts up.

—We had thought that a split fowl to the head (warm) for apoplexy, a hair of the dog that bit you to cure the hydrophobia, &c., were things of the past; but to prove the contrary, it is only necessary to turn to the Patent Office Record of this Dominion for the month of June, 1883. No. 16,845 is entitled a patent for "Improvements in Ointments," and it informs us that the Department has been graciously pleased to grant a monopoly of the following valuable prescription for a term of five years:—

CLAIM.—A compound composed of the following ingredients: Fresh unsalted butter, two pounds; *black wool cut from the sheep's breast at the full of the moon*, one ounce; three fresh eggs, and flour of sulphur, two tablespoonfuls.

The patentee is one Francis McKay, of Lobo, Ont. Perhaps some of our readers would like to be supplied with this preparation, or to arrange with the fortunate possessor of it to pay a royalty and be permitted to manufacture it for themselves.

THE MEDICAL VOYAGE OF LIFE.—The following clever chronological classification of the ills to which human flesh is heir, may give a faint conception of the gauntlet which we poor mortals have to run: First year: icterus neonatorum, hyperkinesis intestinalis and vaccination. Second year: dentition, croup, cholera infantum and fits. Third year: diphtheria, whooping cough and bronchitis. Fourth year: scarlatina, worms and meningitis. Fifth year: measles. Now half the children are dead. Seventh year: mumps. Tenth year: chorea and typhoid fever. Fifteenth year: hyperæsthesia sexualis. Sixteenth year: spermatorrhœa, chlorosis, and spinal irritation. Eighteenth year: blenorrhœa urethralis. Twentieth year: bubo, alcoholic