

*New Appointments in the Paris Hospitals.*—In consequence of the retirements of MM. Ricard and Guernsant and the death of Mr. Després the following changes have taken place; Mr. Girard is appointed Surgeon to the Children's Hospital; Mr. Follin, Surgeon to the Salpêtrière; Mr. Depaul, Surgeon to the Foundling Hospital; and Mr. Broca to the Bicêtre.

*Physicians in the United States.*—According to the "Nashville Medical Journal," the number of physicians in the United States amounts to 40,481. In Massachusetts there is one physician to every 605 inhabitants; in New York, 1 to 611; in Pennsylvania, 1 to 561; in North Carolina, 1 to 802; in Ohio, 1 to 465; in Maine, 1 to 884; and in California, 1 to 860.

*Properly served.*—Dr. George S. Walker, of St. Louis, was expelled lately from the St. Louis Medical Society, in consequence of having deserted his own colours and joining those of Homœopathy.

*Pharmacy in Pompeii.*—The excavations in this celebrated subterraneous place, have been re-commenced; and it is stated in the "Athenæum," that among the first objects discovered were some jars and utensils of a druggist's shop.

*A Prolific Philosopher.*—A French savant, named Tiraquea, is said to have given every year a child to his family, and a book to the public. He had thirty children, was a native of Poitou, and one of the greatest men of his time.—*Nashville Journal*.

*A new mode of Punishment.*—The New York State Prison authorities have adopted a new mode of inflicting punishment on the unfortunates who happen to come within their clutches. The hair is closely shaven, with the exception of a tuft on the crown, which is called in derision the "Japanese comb." The ridiculous appearance presented, makes the process a severe punishment indeed, but we question much if it tends to the reformation of the individual, which ought to be the end and object of all punishment.

*Rather shaky.*—Ex-mayor Tiemann, of New York, is one of the "eminent supporters" of Homœopathy in that city, and, of course, he is "used" for the purpose of giving *eclat* to the proceedings on certain occasions. In the following extract from his address before the graduates of the Homœopathic College in that city, recently, he gives evidence of equivocal friendship to that system. The growth of a goodly proportion of the supporters of homœopathy, is about as facile as that of Mr. Tiemann. Mr. Tiemann, *loquitur*.

"You go forth as healers of the people, and remember, gentlemen, your office is to cure the sick. You need not stick alone to Homœopathy; if that does not cure, try Allopathy. If Allopathy fails, try Hydropathy, and if you are not then successful, adopt spiritualism, or any other curative means that may be at hand."—*Med. and Surg. Reporter*.

*Eclecticism.*—This humbug seems to be on the wane in Cincinnati, its head-quarters, and where its professors (!) have established a college. According to the "Lancet and Observer," The Eclectic Medical Institute of that city, which a few years ago claimed a class of between 200 and 300, had only 55 matriculants last session.

*Baths.*—A Roman or hot air bath has been established in London. The rage was previously upon the Turkish Bath.

*White Gunpowder.*—The London correspondent of the "Leeds Mercury" says, "I have heard in this city of a curious invention, which concerns alike sportsmen, riflemen, and the scientific. It is the manufacture of white gunpowder. It is composed of yellow Prussiate of Potassa, Chlorid of Potassium, loaf sugar, crystallized sugar, and brimstone. It possesses superior qualities over the black powder, being quicker and more powerful in its action, and not fouling the gun; for the delicate in olfactory nerve, it may be added, that it is without unpleasant smell. It has just been patented."