

even the venerable gray hairs of more than eighty years did not protect the lecturer. — A convalescent home for the patients of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, is about being established. — Dr. Brady, M.P. for Leitrim, Ireland, who died recently, has left a fortune of £1,000,000. — A hospital surgeon, writing to the 'Times,' relates the following case, which is only a sample of many others:—"A young officer, scarcely of age, was entrapped into giving bills to the amount of 4,000*l.* to an advertising quack. By my recommendation he went to a lawyer, who succeeded in reducing the sum to 200*l.* A second victim gave in hard cash 1,000*l.* for a single prescription; a third, after paying 900*l.* for the same determined to suspend the remaining 100*l.* until he had consulted me to ascertain his cure. The most incredible part of the whole is, that there was nothing at all the matter with either of these patients except the mental excitement which these miscreants produced, an excitement which I have known in many instances to end in a lunatic asylum. I have often tried to persuade the sufferers to face the charge, but without success, the dread of publicity being so unconquerable." — At the last sitting of the Academy of Sciences, Paris, a paper was received from Dr. Blanchet on three curious cases of constitutional lethargic slumber. One of them was that of a lady twenty-four years of age, who, having slept for forty days at the age of eighteen, and fifty days at the age of twenty during her honeymoon, at length had a fit of sleep which lasted nearly a whole year, from Easter Sunday, 1862, to March, 1863. During this long period a false front-tooth had to be taken out in order to introduce milk and broth into her mouth. This was her only food; she remained motionless, insensible, and all her muscles were in a state of contraction. Her pulse was low, her breathing scarcely perceptible; there were no evacuations, no leanness; her complexion was florid and healthy. The other cases were exactly similar.

A novel action was lately brought in Paris by a surgical mechanic, against two medical officers. The latter, Drs. Goupil and Bernurts, have published a book on the diseases of women, and therein stated that a peculiar pessary, invented by M. Grandcollot, did not, as far as they had seen, answer the purpose. The latter thereupon brought the action, laying the damages for the injury sustained at £1,000, requesting, besides, an apology in thirty newspapers, and also a rectification to be inserted in the above-mentioned work. He, however, lost his cause; the verdict was for the defendants, and the plaintiff was saddled with the costs.

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*Erratum.*—Page 278, line 22 from top, for "hot summer" read "hot hammer."