

Medical Items.

—There are 256 practitioners in Los Angeles, California.

—It is reported that a case of hydrophobia has been cured in St. Louis. From the symptoms, it looks more like a case of hysteria.

—During the last three years nine deaths have been reported in Australia from the inhalation of chloroform. It takes a long time for some surgeons to recognize the deadly effects of this anæsthetic.

—The *University Medical Magazine* is a new monthly periodical issued by the professors and alumni of the University of Pennsylvania. The first number contains a number of valuable articles.

—When Dr. William Pepper of Philadelphia was asked for the bill of his services in connection with the case of the late Dr. Sheridan, he replied that he desired that his services should be regarded only as an expression of that deep and lasting obligation which he in common with others owed the deceased.

ALCOHOL AND CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER.—M. Alison (*Archives Générales de Médecine*), after an exhaustive consideration of the effects of alcohol on the economy and its special action on the liver, believes that the business of the individual, outside of the cause commonly attributed to cirrhosis, plays an important rôle in its development. Field laborers are rarely attacked by it, and it is more rare in persons given to manual labor than in those who lead sedentary lives. He advises physical training as an effective therapeutic.—*Med. News.*

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—Dr. A. J. Willard of Burlington, Vt., U. S. A., expects about the first of November to occupy a new sanitarium which he has been building for his Nervine Establishment. This institution appears to have met with excellent success, and Dr. Willard has every reason for encouragement. The Rest Treatment of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell is here made a specialty, although other methods of treatment are used as they seem indicated.