

he dominion of Mars, hot, biting, and choleric, and remedies what evils Mars inflicts the body of man with, by sympathy, (a dash of Homœopathy here), as viper's flesh attracts poison, and the loadstone iron." If, in relation to the third herb mentioned in this list, the doctors substitute, in Culpeper's dictum, the word "disease," they might at once secure credence for the profundity of their astrolological attainments, the passage would then appear as follows—"It is a disease under the dominion of Venus, and indeed one of her darlings."

TIPSY BOICUM.

That eminently bungling section of the community—the proof-readers, in passing off "The Great Anglo-Indian Tonic Beverage—Dipsiboicum," which promises to be "a complete strengthner (sic) for the young, middle-aged and old," obviously overlooked the freak of the printer's devil, in dislocating the type of "Topsy Boicum." The community must needs feel elated at the compliment paid to their intelligence, by the issue—through the agency of liveried boys—of myriads of grotesquely illustrated circulars, which depict supposititious "natives extracting the great vital principle that enters into the combination of Dipsiboicum from nature's laboratory," and give five colored illustrations of the supposed career of an individual, who, having travelled "half-way through life, finds himself mentally, physically, and financially bankrupt;" he enquires of himself, under these afflictive circumstances, "Is life worth living for?"

At this crisis of distress the thought of DIPSIBOICUM comes to his relief; "he rushes with the (somewhat indefinite) speed of the wind, determined to try its wonderful virtues. Almost delirious with the hope that 'Richard may be himself again,' he is represented as carrying a bottle of DIPSIBOICUM to his previously disconsolate home; he feasts on this "true tonic," and as a natural consequence, the next representation we have of him, depicts him in possession of the floor of the House, manfully advocating among admiring senators, the Boundary and Streams Bill.

It would appear that the compiler of this latest medical "catch-ern alive-o" has already studied the First Annual Report of the Ontario Board of Health, to some purpose, for we observe that he has availed himself of the boggy styled "malaria," and vouches for his "Topsy" being "used extensively in the East (probably in the neighbourhood of the Don) as a preventative against malarial fevers, etc." One is apt to wonder whether the mercantile gentleman who embarks in such an enterprise as that of the "Topsy," concludes that he is surrounded by idiots, or whether he be himself idiotic.

"TRANSPARENT HEADS."

A gentleman whose vocation it is to furnish substitutes for the fig leaves of Eden, was applied to by a clergyman recently, to supply him with some of the said substitutes; in the course of the conversation between the two, it transpired that the clergyman's wife was suffering considerably, it did not of course occur to his reverence that it requires nine men to make a tailor, and that consequently it might so transpire that he of the shears might happen to know far more of the human frame, and of human weaknesses than do "M. Ds.;" his reverence therefore dilated on the "pains in the lower part of the lady's back, which extended to the back of the head, and thence to the top of the cranium," little suspecting the transparency of his own head, which was manifested by the narrative, and that the tailor became aware that it behooved the parson to cultivate his intellect more, and his passions less.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

In times of political danger, committees of public safety have from time to time been organized by such citizens as deemed their property or their lives to be imperilled. There are not a few reflecting persons, who in view of the present rate of mortality, and the present amount of sickness and suffering which prevail in civilized communities, consider that the time has arrived to constitute similar committees in order to collect evidence on the subject of medical and surgical malpractice. One such committee is already organized in this city, and we shall probably soon be in a position to publish some of the results of its operations.

They who are in sympathy with the objects of the above-named committee will oblige by forwarding their name and address to the Editor, not with a view to publication, but for the advancement of the cause.

ANOMALY.

There are probably many who are scarcely aware that Physicians and Surgeons who corporately grant a license to practise, to other Physicians, (whose principles of healing are totally at variance with their own) will not on any account meet these said physicians in consultation; if this were merely a matter of personal caprice, it would be beneath notice, but when it is obviously based on the assumption that the one person is right (who has granted the license) and the other is wrong (who has received it), we think that it is more than time, considering that the health and lives of myriads may be said to hang in the balance between these contending parties—it is more than time that an appeal were made to facts, that lay persons may obtain some light thereon. We consider that the establishment of an Eclectic Hospital will afford one mode of solving this problem, and the registering of medical and surgical successes will present another.

If His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto were to visit "the barracks" of the Salvation Army, and to confer "Holy Orders" on Captain Joe Ludgate—if he were to proceed thence to the Synagogue, and were to extend a similar favour to the officiating Rabbi—thence to South Pembroke St., and were to lay his Archiepiscopal hands on the Friends' Minister, and so forth, he would probably loose caste among the faithful at St. Michael's, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, when granting their licenses to Homœopaths, Medical Botanists, Physio Medical Practitioners, Eclectics, Magnetists, Electricians, &c., we apprehend are acting in a fashion corresponding to that of the imaginary ordination of the Archbishop, and merit an estimate of their consistency, corresponding to that which would be entertained for His Grace, were he to ordain Captain Joe Ludgate, the Rabbi, and "The Friend."

DYSPEPSIA.

Persons have been cured of this disorder by taking a teaspoonful of glycerine after each meal.

Ladies—robust or otherwise—will do well to effect their purchases before 5 o'clock; this is desirable not only on account of those who are engaged in stores (who need rest and recreation as much as do the ladies), but on account of the gentlemen who are wont to leave their offices, about that time, and whose reluctant politeness is apt to be unduly tested by the presence of ladies in a car at that hour; as the horses are unable to plead for themselves, we would also whisper a word for them, in the ear of ladies—robust or otherwise.