

getting up of the box, the Old Woman of Montreal. This as a *jeu d'esprit* is all very well, but it only shows the utter ignorance of the writer.

According to the regulations issued by authority, every volunteer before going into the field should be subjected to medical inspection. The object of this being to reject all who are physically incapable of bearing the fatigue of a campaign, and who would be an encumbrance to an army on the march. Another requirement being to send into hospital all men who may be taken seriously ill, and who would be necessarily neglected if allowed to remain in camp.

With regard to the contents of the "Medical Spice Box," they consist of those articles which certainly have been in the Pharmacopœia from time immemorial, but are all that are requisite for sudden attacks of illness. Furthermore, the Medical Spice Box is more complete than the "Medical Field Companion" used by the British army in the field, and we think that those members of the profession who are desirous of having modern inventions added, such as corn plasters, toilet powder, and such like articles, forget that they would encumber their baggage with useless material, and run the risk of becoming the laughing stock of many hardy old veterans who are to be found attached to all our volunteer battalions. We certainly think that 'the Old Woman of Montreal' deserves the thanks of the members of the medical staff of the militia, as perhaps it is not generally known that that gentleman was instructed to use great economy, and get up a cheap but useful box.

DEATHS OF PROFESSORS WAGNER AND NIEMEYER.

From the *British Medical Journal* we learn that among the victims whom the medical profession has furnished in connection with the recent Franco-German war, have been two men of more than common note,—Professor Albrecht Wagner of Königsberg, who died at Dole on February 15, and Professor Felix von Niemeyer of Tübingen, who has died lately at Nancy. The cause of death in both cases was typhoid fever, contracted in the discharge of their duty. Dr. Wagner was well and favourably known in Germany for his works on Resection and Regeneration of Bone (translated a few years ago by the New Sydenham Society), on Hydrophobia, Diabetes in connection with Carbuncle, Resection of Nerves, etc. The name of Felix von Niemeyer is well known among us through the translation of his excellent *Text-Book of Practical Medicine*, and his *Lectures on Phthisis*.