

### Miscellaneous.

**BORACIC ACID FOR GRANULAR LIDS.**—Dr. James L. Minor applies the pulverized acid freely to the everted lids with a brush, lachrymation is at first increased, and some pain is caused. There is slow and steady amelioration of the symptoms.—*Virginia Medical Monthly*.

**A LARGE BRAIN.**—The case is recorded by Chr. Tompkins, of Richmond, of an insane negro whose brain weighed 72 ounces. He was 32 years of age, 6 feet 2 inches in height. Had committed murder twice, was twice an inmate of a lunatic asylum, and was generally considered stupid.

**STIRLING ON EUCALYPTUS-OIL IN LUMBAGO.**—Mr. B. A. Stirling, in the *Lancet*, Dec. 1881, p. 1,155, speaks highly of the value of eucalyptus-oil in lumbago. Mr. Stirling believes that, by the free inunction of this agent, he has also often cut short a bronchial attack. The formula advised is, equal parts of the oil of commerce, olive-oil, and belladonna liniment.

#### TORONTO 'TELEGRAM' 'TATTLE.'

How doth the gentle peeler march  
Along his gentle beat ;  
How inwardly he wishes, for  
A student on the street.

He softly smiles, and grins with glee,  
And both his hands doth rub ;  
He fondles with an easy grace,  
His student-bursting club.

"*Studentiana*."—*Dr. Watts*.

"The Old World motto is *noblesse oblige*. Our generous men of wealth are changing the phrase to *richesse oblige*, and thus becoming recognized as our untitled nobility. It is only necessary to show them in what way their beneficence will do the most extended and the most lasting good. The founding of five or six professorships will carry the names of their founders down to a remote posterity, and call them to honored remembrance when the stately buildings around us are replaced by other and still nobler structures."—*Cincinnati Med. News*.

**TELEPHONIC TROUBLES.**—Mistakes may happen even in the best regulated families. Here is an example. Chicago is blessed with a druggist of great experience, and staid, modest habits of demeanor. It is his custom to replenish his stock when necessary, by ordering by telephone from other houses in the same line of business. With this purpose in view he called up such a house, and supposed he had it, when in fact he was still speaking to the telephone office. He was overwhelmed with chagrin and shame when in reply to his question, "Have you large black nipples?" only a hearty soprano cachinnation was returned from the female operator in the office. For a number of days thereafter he was compelled to repeat his blushes as he caught the lady's laughter whenever she heard the tones of his voice on the wire.

**MEDICAL COLLEGES.**—In a letter published in a recent issue of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes writes : "A school which depends for its existence upon the number of its students cannot be expected to commit suicide in order to satisfy an ideal demand for perfection. Any institution which is essentially dependent on the number of paying students it can draw must be tempted to sacrifice its higher aims to popularity. No high standard can be reached under such circumstances, and the only way to insure the independent action of a school which aims at teaching the whole country by example, is to endow its professorships, so that the very best and highest grade of instruction, and not that which is popular because it is easy and superficial, may always be given from its chairs, whether the classes be large or small. A small number of thoroughly accomplished medical graduates, their knowledge based on sound scientific acquirements, and made practical by assiduous clinical observation and teaching, will be worth more to the country than twice or thrice the number of half-taught, hastily-taught practitioners. A series of such classes will, in the course of a single generation, elevate the whole professional standard, as they go forth, year after year, missionaries in the cause of health.