

He intended waiting until the cavity had granulated before operating on the diseased joint.

The instruments are kept in a glass case with enamelled iron frame, dust-proof as in the best German hospitals, and it is the duty of one of the nurses to attend to the instruments and clean them after operations, and no one has a key for the instrument press but this nurse and Macewen himself.

I cannot help thinking this is straining a point. Immersion in a solution of carbolic acid of 1 in 20, or even 1 in 40, for half an hour before operation, should make ordinarily cleaned instruments quite safe; and then, under this system the students do not acquire that familiarity with the uses and appearance of instruments which they do when they take turns as "instrument clerks."

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To the Editor of the Maritime Medical News:

DEAR SIR,—Ah-tish-ah! We have it all right enough, but perhaps not to the same extent as two winters ago. There is more, too, of the running from the nose and congestion of the eyes and face than were present at that time. In fact the disease is more like the old-fashioned influenza familiar to all, and especially to those who have spent much time in the old country. Still, there are some cases where pain in the head and back is much the most prominent symptom, requiring for its relief the hypodermic injection of morphine; acetanilide and antipyrine not having sufficient analgesic power for the purpose, while in others the disease is ushered in by such gastric symptoms as vomiting and diarrhoea. It would seem as if the epidemic here had

not yet reached its height, for, while the doctors are kept busy, it has by no means attained any alarming proportions.

A trial is just ended with a verdict of manslaughter against the prisoner, in which jealousy caused a woman to use a revolver on her quondam lover, the bullet striking him in the neck, wounding the carotid and producing a false aneurism. The man bled profusely at the time he was shot, and again some days later when the artery was tied. The bullet was found resting against transverse processes of the vertebræ, the patient succumbing to the combined effect of shock and hemorrhage.

It appears difficult to determine where murder ends and manslaughter begins.

Our local Medical Society continues to do good work, and retains its popularity, the attendance running from 6 to 16 or over, and averaging 8 to 9. It is safe to say that no meeting of this society takes place at which those present are not more than repaid for their attendance, and the meetings are a continual instruction as well as pleasure to the members. Almost all the medical men of the city belong to it, and one gentleman, Dr. Wetmore, comes regularly all the way from Hampton to be present. This is as it should be. The physician who thinks he has all the knowledge that is worth having, and can learn nothing from friendly discussion with his colleagues, is a very much mistaken individual, for though he may,

"With words of learned length and thund'ring sound,
Amaze the gazing rustics ranged around,"

he is very apt to become content with what he has acquired already, and fail to keep pace with what is fresh and new, and liable occasionally to find that he is