

weak soup, which it serves to strengthen. We should imagine that the manufacture of powered meat, after this simple process, might be profitably undertaken in Canada. Certainly it is simple enough to be carried on in the household.

AN AMERICAN NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.—Hitherto state and municipal authority in the United States has had sole charge of health matters; but at length the federal authority has stepped in with a view to prevent the importation of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States. A bill, reported by the committee of commerce, has been brought before Congress, which provides that the surgeons-general of the army and navy and the supervising surgeon of marine hospitals shall constitute a board of health with power to establish and enforce such rules and regulations as are necessary to prevent the importation of contagious diseases; and these regulations, when approved by the President, shall have the force of law. The late epidemics at the South and South-west, more particularly the epidemic of yellow fever at Shreveport, abundantly sufficed to demonstrate the need of action on the part of the central government.

VOMITING BY ELECTRICITY.—Among the many applications of the galvanic current, as a nervous stimulant and excitor of muscular action, that of producing vomiting deserves to be noted. According to a report given by Dr. Fox in the *British Medical Journal*, vomiting may be produced by means of galvanism, when other means fail or are impracticable. It may be brought about by introducing one electrode into the upper part of the œsophagus, and applying the other over the epigastric region. Dr. Fox applied the current as above described to a child brought to him in an asphyxiated state, from eating poisonous mushrooms, when vomiting ensued immediately.

POISONING BY QUACK PILLS.—An English jury lately returned a verdict of manslaughter against a quack named "Professor" Monis, from whom a man, 23 years of age, living at Hitchin, had obtained some pills, four or five of which he had

taken shortly before his death. The *post mortem* examination revealed indications of irritant poisoning, while a chemical analysis showed the presence of arsenic in the stomach and spleen, and in the pills remaining in the box from which the patient had taken the others.

APPOINTMENT.—Thos. R. Dupuis, M.D. &c., has been appointed to the Chair of Anatomy in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston. His many friends will be glad to hear of his appointment, which has been in contemplation for some time past.

JAMES PETER LYNN, of the city of Ottawa, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the county of Carleton.

DAVID HENRY LANCASTER, of the village of Culloden, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the county of Oxford.

ALLAN CRAWFORD, of the village of Bothwell, Esquire, M.D., to be an Associate Coroner within and for the county of Kent.

C. N. TREW, Esquire, M.D., has been appointed Coroner for New Westminster, British Columbia.

The American Medical Association meets the first Tuesday in June of this year in Detroit, Mich.

The 7th annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association will be held at Niagara Falls, on Wednesday, August 1st, 1874.

DEATH.—At his residence in Hamilton, on the 4th ult., Thomas Duggan, Esq., M.D., aged 61 years.

Book Notices.

THE SPHYGMOGRAPH: ITS PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PATHOLOGICAL INDICATIONS. The Essay to which was awarded the Stevens Triennial Prize by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, April, 1873. Two hundred and ninety illustrations. By Edgar Holden, A.M., M.D. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston, 1874. 8vo., pp. 169. Toronto: Willing & Williamson. \$3.