

elm of bark proved as beneficial as that of sarsaparilla. Mr. Jeffreys employed the following form :

Take of Decoction of Elm Bark,* eight pints,
 Sassafras Root sliced,
 Guaiac Wood shavings, of each one ounce,
 Bark of the Mezerian Root, bruised, 3 drachms,
 Liquorice Root, do, 1 ounce,

to be boiled for one hour.

"The decoction," says Mr. Jeffreys, "administered in the quantity of a pint a day, appears to increase the insensible perspiration, restore the appetite, improve the tone and power of the digestive organs, strengthen and invigorate the general system, and to cheer and compose the animal spirits."

Stone in the Bladder.—M. Amusat of Paris, states that he has brought to great perfection an instrument for reducing a stone in the bladder to such a state of powder, as to admit of its being conveyed, like gravel, through the urethra with the urine, without putting the patient to any pain. The instrument consists of pincers, which are confined in a tube, not larger than a sound, until introduced into the bladder; they are then opened, the stone is seized with facility, and by moving the handles in a particular manner, is soon reduced to powder. In a few seconds a stone, the size of a nut, is broken with facility. The experiments having as yet only been made on a *dead* body, it still remains to be ascertained what will be the result in the living one.

Mr. Regnault, an able physician at Grenoble, well known for his success in many difficult cases of stone, has invented an instrument by which the operation of the stone may be completed in two minutes. Our correspondent states, that "several experiments have confirmed the fact."

Children's Food.—A respectable lady of Yorkshire, observes in a letter dated May 2, that in consequence of losing her three first children, one during teething, and two of inflammation of the bowels, she gave her fourth child a little wine in every article of food, from the conviction that the disease which terminated the lives of her former children were occasioned or aggravated by a disordered state of the stomach and intestines, occasioning indigestion, and consequent pro-

*This decoction is made by boiling a pound of the inner rind in twelve pints of water until reduced to eight pints.