

—A young Italian girl was amusing herself with a small trumpet three centimetres long, when the instrument was drawn into the trachea ; during three days each inspiration produced a sound which could be heard at a distance of 15 metres. Death in 23 days ; at the autopsy the trumpet was found in the right bronchus.

—Sulphur is alleged by the homœopathists to effect the cure of a cutaneous affection, on the principle that like cures like. Perhaps they argue that, as sulphur is a cause of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, it is similar in its nature to that morbid agent which occasions a peculiar breaking-out of the skin.—(*Punch.*)

EIGHTEEN DAYS OF A TEMPERATURE OF 46°C. (114.8°F.)—Dr. Obelar has reported a temperature of from 45° to 46°C. in one of his patients. This temperature was carefully verified, and lasted for eighteen days before death.—*Union Médicale du Nord-est.*

A VICTIM TO PROFESSIONAL DUTY.—The *Wratch* gives the following details of the assassination of Dr. Moltchanoff at Kwailinsk, due to the troubles caused by the appearance of cholera in that city. Our *confrère* was about to leave for St. Petersburg to take charge of the cholera hospital. When the riots first began, in spite of the advice of his friends who implored him to leave, Moltchanoff, thinking it his duty to remain, stuck to his post. He performed his duties until the 30th of last month (July), when the first band of rioters arrived, loudly demanding his head. They had nicknamed him Dr. Cholera and accused him of having undertaken by a bond, in consideration of a sum of money, to poison the water supply of the city. With difficulty the doctor saved himself on horseback and took refuge in the house of a friend, where he was betrayed by the servants. The mob surrounded the house and threatened to burn it, when, to save his host, Moltchanoff gave himself up to the rioters. Three priests who interfered to save him were half killed by the crowd, who then subjected the doctor to a long martyrdom. They threw him on the pavement and stamped on him and kicked him, while the women attacked him with stones and hammers until the body was not recognizable. Even then they kept guard so that it should not be removed. The government has granted a pension to the widow and children.