

MEDICAL NEWS.

It has been proposed to add tartar emetic to the phosphorous paste employed in making friction matches, in order, by inducing vomiting, to prevent the accidents which sometimes occur to children from eating them.—The probable lifetime in Sheffield and such towns is only 6 years, while in Sarrey it is 52.—A drachm of aqua ammonia added to a gallon of syrup will frequently prevent its fermentation.—A Committee of the Academy of Sciences, New York, have reported that it is a matter of impossibility to pass a sponge probang through the rimaglottidis below the chordæ vocales; it failed to pass in 18 attempts.—“I can't bear children,” said Mrs. Prim, disdainfully. Mrs. Partington, looking over her specs, mildly replied. “Perhaps if you could you would like them better.”—M. Dagot saw a colt 11 days old which could be milked like a cow, but the flow was stronger when the little animal drew milk from the mother; fluid of the same kind then flowed in abundance from the colt's own breast each time the sucking aspiration was made.—The insect which is so well known as being the cause of scabies has been proved to have been derived from the lion, to which noble animal it is a natural parasite.—Jas. Roberts, Minister of Quarnford, attests this certificate of one Brian Heathcote, a Quack. “This is to certify That I have attended Josh. Ashmoor Sine the time of his misfortun And he is verrey promising according to The time the Bone is knit and growne verrey nicely and the arm Straight the Elbo is right in its propre place.”—*Mortality of medical men.*—Three-fourths die before the age of 50, and 10-11ths before 60.—Dr. Thos. J. Boyd, the oldest practitioner in New York, died lately at the age of 84, having been 63 years in practice. He died in harness, as within a week of his death he was seen tottering on his way to visit a patient, supported by a dutiful daughter.—Wm. Fred. Chambers, M.D., R.C.H.F.R.S., formerly physician to St. George's Hospital to William IV, Adelaide, Victoria, &c., who led London from 1836 to 1848, died on the 16th December last, at the age of 70 years.—Dr. H. Clutterback died lately in London at the advanced age of 89, the oldest and most respected of her physicians.—Paul Dubois received 30,000 francs from the Emperor for his services during the late accouchment; his father Antoine received 100,000 from Louis' uncle when he attended Marie Louise when she gave birth to the King of Rome.—It is now proposed to cure by “medical inhalation,” not only consumption, but even diseases of the heart, liver disease, and chronic diseases generally. The great curer is a New Yorker.—John C. Warren, the eminent Surgeon at Boston, died a few weeks ago. He was born in 1777 and had been practising over fifty years. An American editor concludes his notice by observing, “when John C. Warren died a great man fell in Israel.”—A Mrs. Phin, of Birmingham, England, showered into the fond lap of her happy lord, on a late occasion, 5 children, 3 boys, born alive and doing well, and 2 girls, born dead.—The various Colleges, &c., in the States, have sent forth, at the end of this last session, 1239 Doctors, with full power, if not skill, to drug and carve humanity.—Alexis St. Martin still lives, he is 52 years of age, and he is to be in Boston on show. No one has peeped into his stomach since Beaumont until latterly a Dr. Bunting got hold of him. *En passant*, Dr. B. is said to be of Montreal; this must be wrong, we know of no such party.—What is mind? Dr. Hunt has given this answer,—for the benefit of those who can understand it. Mind is the traditional impress of force progression through brain matter.—A male giraffe has recently been born at the Zoological Gardens, Paris, this is the first birth of one of these animals in Europe; he is 76 feet high.—3 young lions were born in the Menagerie in Howard St. in Boston, 2 have died since.—Fish, having four distinct and useful legs, according to the Rochester Union, abound in a rivulet near Fort Defiance, New Mexico.—Dr. Vierard, the inventor of a pulse indicating instrument, shows that in man the frequency of the pulse is diminished by increase of temperature.—Dr. Molescott, of Heidelberg, investigating the influence of light on the phenomena of respiration, finds that animals breathe 1-5th less frequently in the dark than in the light.—A new thermometric agent has been invented by a Russian philosopher, an adaptation of thermo-electric currents, by which the temperature of the deepest parts of the ocean may be measured.—M. Gerdy, Professor of Surgery at the Faculty of Paris, &c., has just died, at Paris, of pulmonary consumption. The deceased would never believe himself laboring under this fatal affection.—The Philadelphia *Medical and Surgical Journal* says, that 300,000 ounces of quinine are annually consumed in the United States. It sells at from \$3 to \$4 an ounce.—The Empress of the French was delivered with long forceps. Chloroform was administered in small quantity, but it caused such great excitement and delirium that it was discontinued.—Mons. Jobard thinks the pyramids were built as signal heights and points of observation to ships, boats, travellers and armies.