

## MEDICAL NEWS.

Wm. Pain, Esq., of Feltham, Middlesex, has bequeathed the sum of £1,500 to King's College Hospital, London.—A Committee is in course of formation in France to promote the erection of a statue to the distinguished M. Arago.—The personal effects of the late Bransby Cooper, Esq., have been sworn under £6,000.—A M.S. work on the natural history of Balmoral and its neighborhood, by the late Dr. McGillivray, has been purchased from the executors by Prince Albert.—The subjects of the Pacha of Egypt who study medicine, surgery and military sciences at Munich, have been recalled by order of the Pacha.—A woman in an excited state went into a drug shop and asked for poison: the druggist very sensibly gave her carbonate of soda, which she swallowed on reaching home. She then bade her children good bye, told them she was done for,—and lived.—The noble specimens of pythons, boas and other snakes in the London Zoological Gardens have succumbed day after day to a disease in the mouth, which seems to have affected nearly all of them.—At Bucharest, the hospital is full of sick soldiers (Russians); and in addition to the barracks, 23 houses are converted into receptacles for the sick, of whom 40 wagon loads arrived from the camp.—£15,000 has lately been bequeathed to the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton.—The latest dodge for getting a practice seems to be nicturition. Seated in your gig or sleigh, with or without a tiger, dash furiously down a highway. While all heads are turned to see who it is, and are speculating on the urgent case, quietly turn into a side lane. Leave your seat to perform the operation indicated. When finished, re-enter gig or sleigh, and quietly turn the horse's head homewards.—The profession, says the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, has been served with a pamphlet containing *proofs and evidences of the purity and medical properties of Wolff's Scheidam Aromatic Schnapps*.—The small pox is prevailing to a great extent in the Auburn State Prison, forty persons being down with it.—The corner stone of the new edifice to be erected for the deaf and dumb of the State of New York was laid on Tuesday, 22nd Nov., at Washington Heights, New York.—Dr. Bull, one of the most distinguished surgeons of Buk, committed suicide whilst laboring under an aberration of intellect.—Dr. Francisco Kennandey, a celebrated physician of Cuba, is under arrest by the government; and also his son, a lad of 13, who had just arrived from the States.—The *Courier de l'Europe* communicates to the world an account of spontaneous kindling, though no combustion, in the person of a mantua-maker. This young lady was sewing one night by the light of a candle, when she felt an undue heat all over her body. She noticed at the same time that her fore finger was on fire. The flame was bluish, and emitted a sulphurous smell. *Her apron caught fire, and she was obliged to take it off.* The girl spent the night in efforts to extinguish the blaze, and only succeeded at day-break.—Dr. J. V. C. Smith, the well-known and able editor of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, has been nominated on the Citizen's ticket for Mayor of Boston. Success to him.—Mr. Guthrie, the Secretary of the American Treasury, has issued an order that everything purporting to be for medicinal purposes, quack and "patent fixins" and all, shall be subject to inspection, under an Act of Congress, to "prevent the importation of adulterated and spurious drugs and medicines."—The Town Council of Frederickburg, Virginia, have recently passed an order directing that the tax on licenses, paid by Lawyers, Physicians and Dentists, for the year 1852, should be refunded. This is in accordance with a decision of Judge Lomax's, that such taxes were unconstitutional.—In New Orleans, in 1822, the highest number of deaths, in any one day from Yellow Fever, was 60. In 1833, the highest estimate in one day is put at 53; in 1841, the highest number was 44. In 1847, on the 22nd day of September, 77; and this year, the highest number in one day was 208.—Dr. Elliott, of Carlisle, says that great assistance has been derived, during the removal of manure, otherwise so perilous, by the immediate use of a few shovelfuls of soot. It answers equally as well as quick lime.—The Census of England for 1851 showed 21,435 persons practising one or more departments of medicine without qualification. In Birmingham there was one "herbalist" under 20 years of age; two "keepers of lunatic asylums" under 20; fourteen female "leech-bleeders"; and one female "physician." One female "dentist" in Taunton; a physician in Norwich under 20; two "medicine venders" in the Lower Hamlets under 20; one "midwife" in Preston under 20; one "physician" in Canterbury under 20; and two "physicians" in Bristol under 20.—Mr. Pierre Bernard defines life to be "a disease of which we die."—The amount payable for license to sell tea, coffee, chocolate, and pepper in England is 11s 7½d per annum. Chemists may sell pepper mixed, or for medicinal use; but if they sell it for domestic purposes, they are liable to the tax for license.