

And dust 'em off and scour 'em up and put 'em back about  
 As good as what they ever was. Why, I read t'other day,  
 They took a woman's stomach out and hove it clean away.  
 And hicht on some 'f her other works, and now she's up and 'round  
 And eatin' much as ever, with her stomach under ground !  
 Now, don't that beat the Dutch ? Why, say, b'gosh, I tell yer what !  
 I thought my stomach was the most important thing I'd got.  
 And now these fellers chuck 'em 'round as if they didn't mount  
 To nothin' more'n a worn out tooth, just simply no account.  
 If I'd no stomach I could eat a slice er hot mince pie  
 And not be groanin' all night long as if I's goin' ter die,  
 And Jed could chaw green apples, too, and not be doubled up  
 And keep his ma a-pourin' down pain killer by the cup ;  
 There'd be no more dyspepy and the babies wouldn't squall  
 An hour or two with colic ; so, jest take it all in all,  
 'Twould be a sorter blessin' and I hain't so sure, by jing,  
 But what I may have mine taken out some time this comin' spring.

*Medical Times* gives the following as the latest formula for gonorrhea : Oil gaultheria, 15 drops ; bismuth subnit., 5 drs. ; vaseline liq., 4 ounces. Mix. Inject into the urethra three times a day after urinating and retain as long as possible.

*Philadelphia Medical Journal* says that the aseptic sponge, which had its origin in the fertile brain of Dr. A. C. Bernays, professor of Anatomy and Clinical Surgery in the Marion-Sims College of Medicine, St. Louis (and known as the "Bernays Aseptic Sponge,") an artificial product composed of cotton fiber subject to many hundred pounds pressure, has certain characteristics that make it especially fit for use in the nose and nasopharynx. The sponge may be rendered absolutely aseptic, and as its power of absorption continues, it becomes much increased in size, thus being able to exert pressure limited only by the limitations of the cavity in which it may be placed. For these reasons it is efficient in the control of hemorrhage in the anterior or posterior nares, either following operations or in severe forms of epistaxis ; it serves as an excellent splint in the latter stage of the Asch operation, or in the treatment of fractures of the nasal bones. Finally, it may be used for conveying medication to various portions of the nose, or for producing irritation and moisture in cases of atrophic rhinitis.

## Selections.

### THE TONGUE IN DISEASE.

I. The elongated and pointed tongue indicates irritation and determination of blood to the stomach and intestines ; the extremities are often cold ; is also associated