

*Mercurial Ointment.*—M. Hernandez has communicated to the Society of Pharmacy of Paris, a new mode of making the mercurial ointment. It consists in heating the mortar in which the ointment is to be made so as to liquify the lard. As the lard cools, the quicksilver becomes divided or incorporated, during the trituration. By this plan, much time and labour are saved; an addition of a few drops of turpentine, which evaporates during the trituration, greatly accelerates the division of the quicksilver.

*Laudanum.*—It appears, by the verdict of a coroner's inquest, that two infants, aged only a few months, were poisoned by the dose of seven drops of laudanum. In many irritative complaints of infants, particularly during teething, laudanum is unquestionably a most valuable medicine; but in such cases, practitioners seldom order a greater quantity than a drop for a dose, and generally only half a drop. The basis of Godfrey's cordial being laudanum, its indiscriminate use has no doubt destroyed the lives of many thousand children. Of late years, this quack medicine has nearly fallen into disuse.

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*Case of Recovery from Rupture of the Uterus.*—By Lewis FRANK, Physician and Counsellor to the Dutchess of Parma. (*Annali Universali di Medicina, Febbr. 1825.*)—A woman, 44 years old, in her sixth pregnancy, was taken with labour pains at the usual time. While standing, with the assistance of the midwife, she was suddenly seized with faintness and vomiting; and while her husband and the midwife were assisting her into her bed, she complained of a sense of tearing in the belly, and a feeling as if there were two fœtuses. The