

the use of cocaine from ninety-five to ninety-seven per cent. of all cataract operations by extraction proved successful, and that in a large number in which cocaine had been used he had bad results. He has abandoned its use altogether in operations by extraction.—*Atlanta Medical and Surgical Journal*.

—Puffendorf tells the following: “A man who had sore eyes went to a horse doctor for relief. The doctor applied to his eyes an ointment he was accustomed to use on horses. The man became blind, and sued the doctor, but the judge acquitted the horse doctor, on the ground that if the man had not been an ass, he would never have applied for relief from a horse-doctor.”

A TROUBLESOME PATIENT.—An incident in professional life is reported from Vienna, in which a tailor, on being told by his physician, whom he had called to consult as to a disease from which he was suffering, that his recovery was impossible, forthwith shot the physician in two places, and then turned his arm—or rather arms, for there were several—against himself, with a fatal result as far as he was concerned. Nine shots in all were fired; and the number may, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact of this recalcitrant patient being a tailor; but it is to be hoped that a needless complication will not be introduced into professional life by such a practice becoming general. Medical men have already a good deal to put up with from patients; and, if further difficulties be introduced, the relations of doctor and patient may become strained. In any case, the medical man, if he must needs take lead, would probably prefer it in the shape of false coins to the more conical form of revolver bullets. We are glad to state that the physician was not much hurt, and will shortly be able to resume what may be considered an eventful career.—*British Medical Journal*.

—Upwards of eight of the rioters who broke open the Chicago drug store and regaled themselves with the wines which they found on the shelves—wine of colchicum among the rest—have crossed the bourne the returns from which are few and somewhat apocryphal. The despatch with which the crossing was effected, will encourage the authorities to insist on the