

much as the position is a very desirable one for a young man, and the salary is very good.

**ANOTHER LOCAL ANÆSTHETIC.**—Our attention has been drawn by Dr. Ryerson of this city to the anæsthetic powers of Rhigolene, a drug introduced to the profession some time since by Dr. H. J. Begelew, of Boston. Rhigolene is a naphtha obtained by re-distillation of petroleum. It is not a definite compound but is the most volatile liquid known and one which produces the greatest cold on evaporation. It is highly inflammable. Used in the form of a spray it freezes rapidly and *deeply*. Its effects are somewhat evanescent, but can be maintained by frequent sprayings. It seems likely that Rhigolene may play a prominent rôle in general surgery, inasmuch as the hydrochlorate of cocaine has been found to be a comparative failure when applied to the unbroken skin, and when injected hypodermically has produced unpleasant constitutional symptoms, with imperfect local results.

**LIGATURE OF THE CAROTID AND JUGULAR VEIN.**—Dr. Deakin (*Lancet*, Nov. 15th), has recently applied a ligature to the right common carotid artery, and two to the jugular vein, in the removal of an epithelial tumor of the neck. Although a cure could not be looked for in the case, the result of the operation was satisfactory.

**AMYL NITRITE IN ASTHMA.**—Dr. W. B. Richardson, of London (*Asclepiad*, July, 1884) gives the following formula for its administration: R. Amyl Nitrite, M. xxxv., Alcohol, ℥v., pure glycerine to ℥iiss,—M. One fluid drachm in a wineglassful of warm water.

**SUCCESSFUL OVARIOTOMY.**—Mr Knowsley Thornton has lost but three of his last one hundred ovariectomies. He is a follower of Lister. Of the three patients that died one had malignant disease and the others died of hemorrhage.

**THE DEATH OF DR. HENRY MARTIN,** of Boston, who has been for years identified with vaccination, is announced in our exchanges. His son will continue the business.

**GLEET.**—*Pinus canadensis* is a specific in gleet. Its action is prompt and permanent.

## Books and Pamphlets.

**A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON FRACTURES AND DISLOCATIONS,** by Frank Hastings Hamilton, M.D., LL.D., late Prof. of Surgery in Bellevue Medical College and Surgeon to Bellevue Hospital, New York; St. Elizabeth Hospital, etc.; Author of a Treatise on Military Surgery and Hygiene, a Treatise on the Principles and Practice of Surgery, etc. 7th American edition, revised and improved. Illustrated with three hundred and seventy-nine wood cuts. Philadelphia: H. C. Lea's Son & Co. Toronto: Williamson & Co.

This most excellent and classic work of Prof. Hamilton has now been before the profession for a quarter of a century, and is well known to surgeons both at home and abroad. The present edition has been carefully revised and re-written, and new matter has been introduced, which adds to its value as a work of reference. The work now comprises about 1,000 pages octavo, and is noted alike for its originality and completeness. The author has taken nothing for granted, and commends no procedure for which he does not find a warrant in the results of his own experience. From the beginning of his studies, he declares, he has found one of his most difficult labors in attempting to eliminate from surgery the numerous "false facts" or unreliable statements derived from observations made on the cadaver or on cabinet specimens whose history is unknown. We unhesitatingly recommend the work to our readers.

**THE SCIENCE AND ART OF SURGERY.**—By John Eric Erichsen, F.R.S., LL.D., F.R.C.S.; Emeritus Prof. of Surgery in University College, etc. Eighth Edition. Revised and Edited by Marcus Beck, M.D., Land, F.R.C.S., Prof. of Clinical Surgery in University College, London. With 984 Engravings on Wood. Volume I. Large 8vo. Pp. 1124. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Sons & Co. Price, \$5.50.

Each of the various editions of this magnificent work has been noticed by us from time to time. It is only necessary for us now to inform our readers in regard to the present edition, which the author has thoroughly revised in order to bring it abreast of the knowledge of modern surgery. Erichsen's surgery since its first publication, more than thirty years ago, has held a position second to no other work upon surgery as a text book or a work for reference both in England and in this