

in this city. It is very simple in its construction, consisting of a vibrating plate, a sheet of tin foil, and a crank. This machine which is as simple as a coffee-mill hears a speech or a song, while the crank is turned in one direction, and by reversing it the machine talks, sings, laughs, whistles or coughs so naturally that one can hardly escape the suspicion that there is some ventriloquist hocus-pocus about it, or some one concealed near by, giving utterance to the sounds. The sounds are fixed on the tin foil by the vibrating plate and are stored up until the instrument is reversed, when they are given out with surprising fidelity.

**THE CALEDONIA SPRINGS.**—This favorite resort for invalids and pleasure seekers is again about to be opened for the season. These sulphur springs of the Lower Ottawa, have been long and favorably known for their efficacy in the treatment of cutaneous, rheumatic and other chronic affections. The large hotel in connection with the springs will be open from June to October. The accomodation is all that can be desired, and many who have been benefited by a short residence here will be glad of the opportunity to again avail themselves of its advantages.

**MICHIGAN STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—The following resolution to amend the constitution, which has been before this medical society since 1876 and has been the occasion of much angry discussion, was defeated by a vote of 42 to 61, at the meeting at Lansing on the 16th ult., viz; "That no person shall be admitted to membership who practices or professes to practice in accordance with any so-called pathy or sectarian school of medicine, or who has recently graduated from a medical school whose professors teach, or assist in teaching, those who propose to graduate in or practice irregular medicine." The amendment consists in the addition of the last clause, commencing with the words "or who has," etc., and was chiefly intended as an indirect censure upon the medical faculty of the Ann Arbor University for its relations with homoeopathy.

**RESIGNATIONS.**—Dr. Trenholme, has resigned his position as professor of obstetrics in Bishops College, Montreal; and Dr. Fuller, who is about to remove to Grand Rapids, has resigned the Chair of anatomy. We have not yet heard who their successors are.

**REMEDY FOR SUMMER COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.**—Dr. W. M. Gross, writes to the *Medical Brief*, that in his opinion the best remedy for cholera infantum, or summer complaint in children, is calcined radix rhei. He gives it in doses of 5 grains. It is prepared by putting the root in an iron vessel, and burning it until easily pulverized.

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the American Medical Association will be held in Buffalo N. Y., on the 4th of June. A large attendance is expected; we trust many of our medical friends will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of attending this meeting.

**CHLORAL HYDRATE FOR REMOVAL OF WARTS.**—Dr. Craig of Montreal recommends a twenty grain solution of chloral hydrate for the painless removal of warts.

**FIELD FOR MILITARY SURGERY.**—Montreal would seem to be a most excellent field for military surgery, as there have been so many cases of shooting in the streets at night.

**MEDICAL COUNCIL OF ONTARIO.**—The annual meeting of the Ontario medical council will commence on Tuesday the 11th inst.

**APPOINTMENT.**—The professors of the College of France have recommended Dr. Brown-Sequard for the chair of Physiology made vacant by the death of Claude Bernard.

**MR. ERASMUS WILSON, F.R.S.**, has resigned the Professorship of Dermatology which he so generously founded at the College of Surgeons. It is probable that Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson will succeed him in the chair.

**CORONER;**—J. Adams, M.D., of Thorold, to be an associate coroner for the Co. Welland.

### Births, Marriages, Deaths.

In Toronto on the 25th of April, Geo. M. Farewell, M.D., C.M., of Queensville, Ont., to Hannah B., daughter of the late Joseph Wilson, Esq., Duffin's Creek.

In Toronto, on the 4th ult., Dr. Thomas Henry, aged 70 years.

In Streetsville on the 19th ult., Chas. A. Paterson, M.D., in the 29th year of his age.