Under the odd title *Pilocereus senilis* has appeared a small volume of his essays which will prove pleasant and profitable reading " between the pains." The title was the *nom de plume* under which many of the articles appeared in the Guy's Hospital Gazette. The discussion which arose as to its origin has been settled by Mr. Clement Lucas, who states that one day at Kew, Dr. Moxon was greatly struck with the wise and antiquated appearance of the hoary-headed Cactus, *Pilocereus senilis*, and subsequently adopted its name as a cloak for his philosophical reflections.

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Whether Dermatology belongs properly to the physician or to the surgeon is not yet settled. If we may judge from the monographs and text-books, the physicians appear to be doing a large part of the work. Dr. McCall Anderson, of Glasgow, a clinical physician, has just issued a large treatise on Diseases of the Skin, one of the most complete and practical works on the subject which has appeared. Though not strictly a specialist, Dr. Anderson is a well known authority in the branch in which he has enjoyed an exceptional experience.

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Death has been busy in our ranks.

In Wilson Fox the profession of London loses a bright ornament and University College one of its ablest teachers. He had achieved success, professional and—so important in London—social, and the highest prizes were within his grasp. The road to the *very top* in the metropolis is so steep and thorny that in the rough ascent bodily stamina counts for much ; and to break down within sight of the summit, seems particularly hard. Dr. Fox had never been very robust, and a pneumonia, with endocardial complication, in 1876 was a severe trial, and in his final illness the fatal result seems to have been due to the cardiac weakness rather than the acute pneumonia. He will be remembered chiefly by his work on tubercle and as the stout opponent of Niemeyer's views, and it was with no little satisfaction that he saw a return, after Koch's investigation to the belief in the specific nature of tuberculous processes. For