

IODINE AS A DISINFECTANT.—Iodine may be used to disinfect the air in hospital wards, sick chambers, &c., in the following simple manner—first suggested by Dr. B. W. Richardson. Solid iodine is exposed in glass or porcelain vessels in different parts of the room. The vapor of iodine is given off at ordinary temperatures. It has proved a very efficient mode of obtaining a constant disinfection.

ASPIRATION IN HERNIA.—Attention has lately been attracted to a method of treating strangulated hernia by puncturing the sac with a fine needle and evacuating by means of an instrument termed an *aspirateur*, a portion of the contents, after which reduction is easily accomplished. There is no escape of air or liquid into the abdomen, and the puncture of the intestine is found to close immediately. The same treatment is frequently resorted to by many practitioners in abdominal tympanitis, and also from distension of the bladder from urine when the catheter cannot be passed.

IN-GROWING TOE NAIL.—This *bête noir* of minor surgery is still engaging the attention of members of the Medical Profession in different parts of the world. A writer in the *Boston Med and Surg. Journal for February*, proposes a new operation for its relief. It consists in removing with the knife by a single stroke all the diseased parts, together with quite a large piece of the sound flesh, skin deep, from the side of the toe, sometimes making an open wound one inch long by half an inch wide. No portion of the nail need be removed, but, if in order to fully secure all the diseased flesh overlapping or undergrowing, a segment of the nail is removed, no harm can come. The wound is allowed to heal by granulation; and, as contraction of the cicatrix takes place, there is a drawing in of the skin from all sides, including of course that near the nail. The shape of the toe is also improved by the operation.

HONORS—William L. Copeland, Esq., M.D., of St. Catharines, Ontario, passed the required examination for membership in the Royal College of Surgeons, England, on the 24th ult. and was duly admitted a member of that body.

J. B. Crozier, Esq., M.D., of Toronto University, now in London, England, has been appointed assistant Physician to the Hospital for Diseases of Women.