

any other subject. A patient of his, who had recently recovered from some pulmonary affection, one day said to him: 'I feel that as regards my lungs, I am quite well, and now I think of going to consult Dr. Watson about my general health.' To which Dr. Latham replied: 'Yes, I see—in your estimation Dr. Watson is an architect, and me, I suppose, you look upon as a bell-hanger.' ” Dr. Johnson advised the students to be architects, learning at the same time how to hang a bell.

—A London journal gives these verbatim copies of written exercises in one of the Greenwich schools:—"Infections are brought on by bad smells, such as small-pox, measles, scarlet fever, glass pox, S. C., they are brought on by bad drainerges suers; they must be well ventolated.—Infection disease are caught by touching such as charcoal, chloride of lime, &c. Measles, feaver are called disinfectionous because they are catching.—Fainted. If a person as fainted, take her out in the open air lay her down with her head. And do the clothing round the neck and dashed cold water the face and hand and put smelling saults to her nose.—Degerstion is paines in the head, paines in the stom-ach, bad tempers. From degerstion comes consumption, information, head ache, neuralgia."

PAINLESS OPERATION FOR INGROWING NAILS.—Dr. J. H. Converse, in the *American Med. Journal*, says: "I will give this for the benefit of your readers, as perhaps it will be new to some of them. It consists of wedging cotton under the free margin of the nail, placing over it a piece of adhesive plaster with a hole cut into it the size and shape of the nail to be removed; then moisten the end of a pencil of caustic silver and apply it to part to be removed, taking care not to touch any other portion. The next day the nail will have assumed a black or brown appearance. Upon raising the nail it will be found to have become separated from the sub-adjacent tissue, and all there is required to complete the cure is to clip off the dead portion.