

Now, hæmorrhoids vary in *size*, and a drachm might easily be smeared on some that would be atropia, *one-third* of a grain, even half, would be dangerous on such an absorbent surface. We know the world is made up of small matters, and these are two that might easily ruin a man's reputation.

May I ask that any who have any experience in the treatment of diphtheria by antitoxin would give the results. And can we get some real *practical* information in regard to permanganate of potash in opium poisoning? How does it act? It seems to have succeeded both by hypodermic methods and by swallowing.

So far as I can see, sufficient importance has not been given to either of these two most serious matters.

T. C. MEWBURN.

PROSECUTIONS OF THE MEDICAL ACT.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—Kindly insert the following list of medical prosecutions:

August 21st.—J. E. Hazelton, druggist, fined \$100 and costs.

August 16th.—I. G. Day, druggist, fined \$25 and costs.

August 16th.—E. H. Ward, druggist, fined \$25 and costs.

September 8th.—Ellen Lafrane (Ottawa), fined \$25 and costs.

September 12th.—Francis Martin (Ottawa), fined \$25 and costs.

September 10th.—Laid an information against the Murphy Gold Cure Institute (Ottawa), case not yet disposed of.

September 19th.—Wallace Mason, M.D., case dismissed.

September 19th.—Mrs. Townsend, convicted, but allowed on suspended sentence.

September 18th.—Laid an information against Mrs. A. H. Keith, Viavia Medicine Company. Cannot be served with a summons as she has left the city.

September 27th.—Grand Jury found a true bill against druggist J. E. Hazelton.

THOS. WASSON,

Detective C. P. & S. O.

Toronto, September 27th, 1894.

Book Notices.

Essentials of the Diseases of the Ear. Arranged in the form of questions and answers. Prepared especially for students of medicine and post-graduate students. By E. B. GLEASON, S.B., M.D., Clinical Professor of Otology, Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; Surgeon of Nose, Throat and Ear department of the Northern Dispensary. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, Publisher, 925 Walnut Street.

This is a most complete little work, containing all that is new and useful on diseases of the ear. It is especially adapted to students, and is of great value also to the general practitioner. It states the essentials of otology concisely, without sacrificing accuracy to brevity.

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CURRENT MEDICAL LITERATURE.

MEDICINE.

Nitro-Glycerin in Vomiting.—Dr. R. Humphreys (*British Medical Journal*) has used nitro-glycerin systematically for the last three years in every form of vomiting he has met with, and as it is a drug which is not incompatible with other drugs likely to be employed under such circumstances, while it has proved of the greatest service, he thinks that it may be as well to record this use of it, as he can find no mention of it as a general remedy in vomiting. In vomiting in gastric catarrh, whether adult or infantile, acute or chronic, alcoholic or anemic, he has found it to act almost as a specific. The vomiting ceases at once. In a case of vomiting of advanced pregnancy, he found it to be of the greatest service, and in some cerebral cases it also markedly checked the sickness. In peritonitis alone it increased the vomiting, not, however, to a distressing extent, and the effect soon passed off. He ventures to suggest that this may prove a point of diagnostic value in doubtful cases. In vomiting in connection with pulmonary phthisis it proved of little value, where atropine stopped it for the time. In combination with catechu, it acted very well in several cases of lenteric diarrhoea. The vomiting