

Medical Items.

THE Alvarenga Prize for 1897 has been awarded to Dr. Joseph Collins, of New York, for his essay entitled "Aphasia."

THE FATAL SPOT.—He—"You have broken my heart." She—"What of that? If I had struck your solar plexus you might have had something to complain of."—*Truth.*

CHOOSING AN EPITAPH.—Bereaved Widow—"I want something short and simple for my husband's tombstone." Dealer—"How do you like 'Resurgam?'" Bereaved Widow—"What does that mean?" Dealer—"I shall rise again." Bereaved Widow—"No; make it 'Rest in Peace.'"—*Truth.*

THE AMERICAN PEDIATRIC SOCIETY is making a Collective Investigation of Infantile Scurvy as occurring in North America, and earnestly requests the co-operation of physicians, through their sending of reports of cases, whether these have already been published or not. No case will be used in such a way as to interfere with its subsequent publication by the observer. Blanks containing questions to be filled out will be furnished on application to any of the committee. A final printed report of the investigation will be sent to those furnishing cases.

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OBITUARY.

ALEXANDER MILTON ROSS, M.A., M.D.—Dr. A. M. Ross died at the residence of his son, Dr. Norman G. Ross, Detroit, October 27th, aged 65. He was born at Belleville, and when a boy went to New York, where, after many reverses, he became a compositor on the *Evening Post*. He commenced to study medicine in 1851, and graduated in 1855. He was distinguished as a naturalist, and received honors from many countries. He only practised his profession to a limited extent, and was well known in Canada as a pronounced opponent to