

## MISCELLANEOUS

### A WINNIPEG EPISODE

About two years ago a well-known individual died at the General Hospital. The man was an Englishman well-connected in Manchester: he died in rather suspicious circumstances, and, a kind-hearted citizen undertook the expenses of his burial, giving directions for the same to a prominent undertaker. The body was supposed to have been taken from the morgue, where two others were lying, to the undertaker's establishment. The funeral party assembled, and it so happened that a lady and her daughter were passing through Winnipeg on their way to England, and when at the hotel read of the death and date of the funeral, which they determined to attend, being intimate friends of the deceased's family. On their arrival, the coffin lid was taken off for a farewell look. The lady and her daughter could not recognize the remains, and put the question to a medical man present, "Could it be So and So?" He assured them that it was. The lid was about to be replaced, when a Scotch friend arrived, and, after looking at the dead man, exclaimed, "Why, this is not ———, that I swear." There was general consternation at this, and the medical man offered to go up to the hospital and make inquiries, and asked the funeral party to follow. The latter got there before the doctor, and on nearing the morgue they heard a female voice screaming, "That is not my Charley. What have you done with my Charley?" On inquiry, it was found that Charley was in the coffin, and the remains intended for the funeral were still in the morgue. A substitution was made, and the cortege on the move, when the woman rushed out, saying, "That man has on Charley's new suit I sent to have him dressed in." So the corpse had to be taken back, garments undressed and clothed in his own, by which time the lady and her daughter had enough of the funeral rites and drove back to their hotel.

### CALOMEL IN THE TREATMENT OF SNAKE BITES, AND CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE FOR THEIR PREVENTION.

Dr. Corisiano d'Utra, of Brazil (*Bulletin de therapeutique: Progres medical*, August 28th), says that persons suffering with snake bites may be cured in all cases by taking three doses, two hours apart, of thirty grains of calomel in an ounce of lemon juice. He further declares that whoever will carry about his person a bag containing from seventy-five to three hundred grains of corrosive sublimate need have no fear of serpents. They will flee from him, and, if by chance he is bitten, the bite will be harmless!

### METHOD OF INFUSING SALINE SOLUTION.

Graduated glass infusion jars of one thousand cubic centimetres capacity, made according to Dr. Kelly's designs, are used as reservoirs for the solution. The bottles are connected by five feet of rubber tubing to a long, slender infusion needle, the calibre of which is two millimetres in diameter, similar to an aspirating needle. The entire apparatus is sterilized and kept in a sterile envelope and is available for use at any moment. Before giving the infusion the breast is carefully disinfected, especially well in its dependent area. It is then grasped with one hand and lifted well up from the thorax, while the needle, with the fluid flowing from it, is quietly thrust beneath the gland. Usually, simple elevation of the reservoir is sufficient to force the fluid into the loose cellular tissue, and the breast quickly begins to distend until even a flabby and atrophied organ will reach the size of the puerperal breast, and in a few instances I have seen the fluid shoot from the rubber when the breast is quite tense. The needle is quickly withdrawn and the puncture is closed with rubber tissue or adhesive plaster. If the fluid does not flow by its own pressure it can be effectually forced in by stuffing the tube. The hands and tube are well anointed with