

## NOTES FROM L'UNION MEDICALE

*Salivary Calculi.*—M. Paulet, at the Imperial Society of Surgery, exhibited two salivary calculi which he found in Wharton's duct, in a patient affected with a purulent discharge issuing from the floor of the mouth. The calculi were in the duct of the left side, and M. Paulet extracted them by excision. He ascertained that the sub-maxillary glands of both sides were stuffed with calculi. These stones are not rare in Wharton's duct; as M. Paulet has collected 65 cases of them, while the foregoing is the only instance in which he is cognizant of their presence in the sub-maxillary glands themselves. M. Panar, however, presented a salivary calculus, which he had extracted by excision from the sub-maxillary gland. In this case pus was seen issuing from the open orifice of Wharton's duct. M. Desormeaux remarked that he had once extracted a stone *from Stenon's duct.*—*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal.*

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EARLY DENTITION.—M. Guenoit related to the Societe de Chirurgie the case of an infant which, when nine days old, exhibited a spontaneous expulsion of the two middle upper incisor teeth, together with the destruction and expulsion of the dental bulb. There was some gingival stomatitis, but no abscess of any kind. The teeth resembled two solid shells, covered with a thin layer of enamel. These cases are rare. In connection with this subject M. Guenoit enumerated several celebrated persons who are said to have been born with teeth, such as Mirabeau, Mazarin, Louis XIV., to which he would have added that of M. Broca had not this gentleman disclaimed any right to such a distinction. Believing the fact generally admitted, that infants are occasionally born with teeth ready cut, we are greatly surprised to find such an experienced accoucheur as M. Blot utterly denying its accuracy. He says he has never met with an instance of its occurrence in 30,000 infants that have come under his observation, and the experience of his colleagues is just as negative. However, that unfailing repertory of information, M. Giraldes, was enabled to refer to numbers of cases of children born with one or more teeth; and he has met with similar cases in his own practice. M. Besneir observes that such cases are familiar enough to matrons, who are in the habit of at once extracting the teeth. We suspect that this operation must have been already performed in cases that otherwise would have attracted M. Blot's attention.—*Med. Times and Gazette.*