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THE sale of a medical practice is an important matter when the interests of the vendor are considered. The utmost care must be used to prevent patients knowing the vendor's intention, and the offer should only be presented to very probable buyers who are morally and legally bound to secrecy, and to not offer opposition if a sale is not made. These features are embodied in the method adopted by the Canadian Medical Exchange conducted by Dr. Hamill, and every effort made to consummate a sale with a maximum of speed and a minimum of publicity.

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H-M-C AND A HAPPY DELIVERY.—A few days ago I was called to see a case of obstetrics. The lady was a primipara, twenty-four years old, was anemic, dropsical, with a very bad heart. She began having pains on Sunday forenoon, and I was called Monday morning. She was having pains at intervals of five minutes, but the os did not dilate. During the day and up to ten o'clock the pains grew stronger, were very severe, with but little dilation of os; patient almost exhausted. I gave one half-size H-M-C (Abbott) at 10 p.m. She was sleeping thirty minutes after, and was delivered of a fine boy at 2 a.m. Complained some during the last three or four pains. I was delighted and so was the patient.—J. H. Hammond, Enigma, Ga.

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THE GREATEST OF ANESTHETICS.—We are living in an age of advancement in medicine as well as in all departments of life, and he who does not hustle to-day will wake up to-morrow morning looking into space and wondering where his neighbors are who were with him yesterday. I have been very much interested in Dr. Abbott's recently discovered hypnotic anesthetic, *i.e.*, hyoscine, morphine and cactin comp. I have used it in a number of operative cases, with very satisfactory results. The anesthesia was perfect, except in two cases where, in addition, I used a very small amount of chloroform, which completed the anesthesia. I had none of the post-operative nausea which we so much dread following other anesthetics. In one case of weak