

then made the inspirations necessary for the demonstration. The acid he had used, though sold as pure, contained arsenic, so that, instead of pure hydrogen, M. Jolyet had inspired arseniuretted hydrogen. Notwithstanding sudden feelings of illness, he had the great courage to continue his lecture to the end, but was obliged to go home immediately, overcome by a fearful attack of headache, vertigo, and symptoms of syncope. Still more serious symptoms supervened, which caused great alarm, and during some days M. Jolyet was very ill. Fortunately, there were no serious results, and although still very weak, M. Jolyet is, to the great joy of his pupils, quite out of danger.—*Louis. Med. News.*

MEDICAL AMENITIES.—Dr. John Woodward was often elected to the Council of the Royal Society, from which he was expelled in 1710 for his grossly insulting remarks to Sir Hans Sloane. When the question of his expulsion was discussed it was pleaded in his favour that he was such a good-natured philosopher, but Sir Isaac Newton, who was in the chair, remarked that, "in order to belong to that Society a man ought to be a good moral philosopher, as well as a good-natured one." Woodward brought an action against the Council to be reinstated, but did not succeed. He afterwards quarrelled with the celebrated Dr. Mead, and meeting him accidentally under the gate of Gresham College, they drew their swords. Woodward's foot slipped, and he fell. "Take your life," said Mead. "Anything but your physic," replied Woodward, with his usual sarcasm.—*Med. Times and Gazette.*

ADULTERATION IN SPAIN.—This practice has not escaped attention by the authorities even in Spain. One Spanish magistrate at least may lay claim to originality in dealing with sophisticated articles. "All articles," runs a proclamation, "in the shape of wines, groceries, and provisions, which upon examination and analysis are proved to be injurious to health, will be confiscated forthwith and distributed to the different charitable institutions."—*Med. Times and Gazette.*

It was a promising young man who on being asked by the professor of obstetrics what he would do in a case of post-partum hæmorrhage, replied with great promptness, "I would run like hades (old version) for the nearest doctor."

SUEING FOR A DIPLOMA.—A member of the class of 1883 of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, who was a rejected applicant for a diploma, petitioned the Superior Court to issue a writ of *mandamus* upon the Faculty for a diploma, and claiming \$2000 damages. Hereafter it may be as well for the Medical Council to demand of the students before matriculation a course in Common Law, in order that in case of rejection at the examination they may know how to proceed to gain their diploma with the least trouble and expense to all parties.

TO KEEP INSTRUMENTS FROM RUSTING.—Professor Olmstead, of Yale College, recommends the following mixture as efficacious to preserve to knife blades their bright metallic surface: Melt slowly together six to eight parts of lard with one of resin and stir until the mixture is cold. If it is deemed desirable to thin it, this may be done by the addition of coal oil or benzine. It should be applied to the perfectly clean surface, as it will not stop oxidation once begun.

A NEW SYNONYM FOR QUININE.—At Croton, New York, common drugs are sold at all the stores. Recently an Irishwoman entered one of them, and said to a new clerk: "Would yees be afther putting up for me a pound of Queen Anne's powders?" The clerk took down a package of Royal baking powder and was doing it up, when she exclaimed—"Not that at all, at all, me Pathrick is sick wid the African fever." "The what fever?" inquired the clerk. "The fever 'nagur," replied the woman. "An yees should see poor Pathrick shake. He hasn't a tooth left." The woman got the quinine which she wanted.—*Gaillard's Med. Jnl.*

THE NUMBER OF YEARS a medical student has to spend at a medical institution prior to being admitted to examination for a medical degree in various countries is as follows (Vratch): Sweden, ten; Holland, Italy and Switzerland, six; Norway, eight; Denmark, six and seven; Belgium, six; Russia, Austria, and Hungary, five; France, England and Canada, four; United States, three or two; Spain, two.

Birth.

FERGUSON.—At 321 Spadina Avenue, on July 22nd, the wife of Dr. J. Ferguson of a son, stillborn.