

benefit from the use of the powder. However, says our contemporary, when it is borne in mind that the charlatan, whenever he sold a package, instructed the purchaser to drink freely of certain well-known diuretics, it is unnecessary to inquire further into the way in which the alleged effects of the remedy were produced.—*N. Y. Med. Journal.*

Charcot, like Gull, physicked his patients very sparingly. If he did not, like Sydenham, recommend students to read "Don Quixote" as a part of their medical education, he thought the works of the so-called "naturalist" school of novel writers useful for other purposes. He used to prescribe certain chapters of Zola as the surest emetic known to him; other works of the same master and his disciples were in his opinion valuable as narcotics. He used to say the best shop for narcotics was at Medan (where the author of "Nana" lives); there an infallible "drowsy syrup" could always be got for 3.50 fr. To a student who, after a lecture in which erotomania had been touched upon, asked what was the best remedy for incontinence, Charcot replied, "anæmia—or better still, apoplexy."

As regards anaphrodisiacs, the only one he had any confidence in was that used by the uncle of Heloise in the case of Abelard. *Cela* (he would add with a grim smile) *tranche la difficulté*.—*N. Y. Medical Record.*

BACILLI IN STREET-CARS.—Experiments recently made by Dr. Ezra Wilson, bacteriologist of the Brooklyn Health Department, demonstrate the presence of bacilli in the dust and sweepings of the street-cars in that city. He has reported a fatal case of tuberculosis in a guinea-pig which had been inoculated with bacilli cultivated from dried sputum found in the cars. Health Commissioner Emory has decided, as a means of disinfecting the stations and cars of that city, that they shall be thoroughly cleansed every three days with a solution of bi-chloride of mercury. A sub-committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the Medical Society of the County of Kings recently recommended that a city ordinance be passed making it a misdemeanor to expectorate in any public conveyance, but the suggestion was not carried out.—*New York Medical Journal.*

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