

canal is placed in communication with a musical box, which is set a-playing. "We have not long to wait," the homœopathic doctor naively remarks. The tape-worm quickly makes his appearance head foremost, and winds himself along the connecting link toward the instrument. The latter is soon embraced in its turn, and the cure complete, for the parasite has, so to say, abstracted himself. *Medical Examiner.*

The *Bulletin de Therapeutique* has just translated and republished a very interesting article from the pen of Dr. N. P. Dandridge, of Cincinnati, in regard to the dangers attendant upon the exploration of the rectum with the hand, as recommended by Simon, of Heidelberg, in 1872. The editors have always most emphatically repudiated this procedure, as dangerous in itself, and of little clinical value; and they cordially endorse the statement of Dr. Dandridge as confirmatory of their predictions. So authoritative a condemnation of the teachings of the German professor will certainly deter the surgeons of France from following them, however much they may be commended by other parties.

#### LEAD POISONING FROM EATING VEGETABLES.

A family consulted De Loos on account of paralytic and other nervous symptoms, which De Loos concluded could only arise from lead poisoning. It was found that the family lived near a place where, twelve years before, lead works had been in operation and had eaten the vegetables which grew around the situation of the factory. De Loos made an investigation and found lead in the red and yellow turnip and also in the endive. In a red turnip a centigramme of lead was found in 650 grammes of the turnip, and in others even larger quantities of lead were found. A trace of copper was also found in the ash of the plants. Copper works had also been carried on in connection with the factory. — *Rundschau.*

EXTRAORDINARY LONGEVITY.—Dr. B. Ornstein, Surgeon-in-Chief of the Greek Army, contributes the following communication (*Virchow's Archiv*, vol. lxvi.), which was received

by the editor of the Greek newspaper of Smyrna: "Our fellow-citizen, George Stravrides, died to-day at the age of one hundred and thirty-two years. Though this Methuselah led a rather intemperate life, consuming daily more than one hundred drachms of brandy on the average, he was nevertheless up to the last moment of his life in the full possession of his five senses, as also of his teeth."—*New York Med. Journal.*

"Andrew Cesalpino, of Arezzo, lecturer on Medicine in the University of Pisa, after the correction of Galen's errors as to the function of the liver and the veins, discovered the circulation of the blood through the whole body, which circulation he made manifest by vivisections after ligatures had been applied to the veins, and which in his 'Quistioni peripatetiche' and 'Quistioni Mediche,' published in 1569 or 1593, using the word 'circulation' itself, he fully described. Ill advised was the English Harvey who, in 1628, dared to arrogate to himself the discovery of this mighty truth."—*London Lancet.*

CAUSTICS OF ZINC.—The nitrate of zinc is recommended by Dr. Squibb in Proceedings of King's County Medical Society, as being less deliquescent, and much more manageable than the chloride. "A hot concentrated solution of the nitrate is made; into this a layer of cotton is dipped and allowed to dry. The salt crystallizes in the meshes of the cotton, which can be readily adapted to the contour and irregularities of surface of epithelial growths and the like. This may be held in place by a tampon, which will absorb all excess of caustic."

#### APPOINTMENTS.

William Watson, Esq., of the village of Weston, and Hiram R. Spooner, Esq., M.D., of the village of Sutton, to be Associate Coroners in and for the County of York.

James P. Rutherford, of the village of Harwich, Esq., M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Kent.

Dr. Bucke, of the Hamilton Asylum for the Insane, has been appointed Superintendent of the London Asylum.

Dr. Wallace, of Orillia Asylum, succeeds Dr. Bucke.

Dr. Beaton, of Orillia, succeeds Dr. Wallace.