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The circumstance of the Editor having been obliged to change his printer, entailed upon him so much extra labour during the first week of the year, that he is under the necessity of asking the indulgence of his readers, in relation to the postponement of the issue of the CRITICISM until the present date.

They who read the first number of this series of criticisms will remember the undertaking on the part of the Editor, to present alternative modes of treatment, from time to time, in order that his readers might divine to some extent, in what manner they might expect to be treated on sending for a doctor of this or that particular school. In the present number, the first of a new series, they will perceive that the Editor's undertaking has assumed the definite form promised in No. 17; in adopting the alphabetical arrangement of disorders according to the plan of the Rev. John Wesley, we commence also with his suggested modes of treating them.

THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

A physician of this city recently met the surgeon who was the first to see the late President, after he was shot; this gentleman stated to the physician, that he decided at that time as to the course the bullet had taken; he also stated that from the appearance of the bone (which has been preserved in order that future generations may be suitably impressed with the idea of the intricacy of the case), he has no doubt that it has been gouged. Mr. J. M. Jenkin, late Surgeon 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, in an article in the *Eclectic Medical Journal*, appears to us to write like "a man who knows his business"—he observes, "The whereabouts of a ball which has passed out of sight, is to be judged with rational reference to any recognized disturbance, the beginning of which is co-incident with the injury. If the kidneys did not operate, we might suppose it was there; if there were hepatic derangement, we could imagine it in the liver; if the stomach had failed, that would tell the latest news of the bullet. What function is deranged in the President's system? Only the functions of the great sciatic nerve. *Mr. Garfield's eloquent foot has been crying out for several days that the ball is on the sciatic nerve, and the dull surgeons are maundering about his liver.*"

INVALID PIGS, AND HOW TO CURE THEM.

The lovers of pork in Toronto, will be interested to learn the efficacy of salt, in relation to sick swine; there is a pig-feeding establishment in the neighbourhood of the city which discharges the two-fold function of hotel and hospital; when sick, the swine are tended with the most assiduous care, and in the event of their maladies becoming chronic, salt is applied to them externally and internally; another mineral (iron) is however *first* applied to the invalids' throats.

We understand that deceased dogs, with which the pigs of this establishment were wont to be regaled, are now put beyond their reach, so that the sickness above referred to, may perhaps be traceable to blighted hopes. Alas! Alas! the dog-days are over—for the present.