

this form of counter-irritation, and he considered it a perfectly justifiable procedure. Though he had studied at "Marburg, Berlin and Heidelberg, and had made a special study of the treatment of nervous complaints, and had practiced in various clinics at Bonn and Wiesbaden," he seems never to have heard of the American practice of giving such a patient ample occupation for the time being, with a full dose of ipecac, tartar emetic, or, better still, with a hypodermic of $\frac{1}{10}$ grain of apomorphia, otherwise he might have saved himself the three months' imprisonment which even a German court felt bound to impose.—*Maritime Med. News.*, August, 1892.

A Long Toilet-Pin Accidentally Swallowed, AND PASSED BY THE BOWEL AFTER FOUR DAYS.—Dr. Augustus A. Eshner reports the following case in the *Medical News* of October 22, 1892 :—

B. J., a colored girl, whose age is recorded as fourteen, but who appeared to be quite three years older, applied at the Jefferson Hospital on the evening of September 4th, stating that she had shortly before swallowed a toilet-pin, a duplicate of which she presented in evidence. As the foreign body seemed to be beyond immediate reach, the girl was advised to apply to the out-patient department on the following morning, and this she did shortly after noon. The girl stated that she felt slight pain in the epigastrium, but presented no other evidence of distress, beyond the fear of evil consequences of the accident that had befallen her. She was, however, reassured, and carefully enjoined to live upon a diet consisting exclusively of mashed potatoes and milk and to examine her stools in the hope of finding the foreign body. She returned in the course of two days, stating that the bowels had been moved, but that the offending body had not been found; the abdominal pain had changed its seat and was now referred to the right hypochondrium. She was advised to persist in the treatment recommended. A day later she had the satisfaction of passing the foreign body, which, she stated when she brought it to me two days later, was surrounded by a layer of potato. The pin was nearly two inches long.

Cases of the kind to which that here reported belongs present certain features of interest. In the first place the