

Medical Association. It is said also that there is still much excellent material for presidents left.

Baron Léon de Leuval, of Nice, has offered a prize of 3000 francs for the best instrument (easily carried), constructed according to the principle of the microphone, for improvement of hearing. The prize will be awarded at the fourth international Congress for Otology, to be held at Brussels, in September, 1888.

**A FRUITFUL WOMAN.**—In the *Lyon Médical*, July 12, is recorded the case of a woman who had had 27 children, 25 of whom were living and healthy. In one year this woman had five children: 3 born January 2 and 2 on Dec. 27. Out of 27 children, six only were girls. The woman was 68 years and the husband 63 years old. Three daughters are married and following in the steps of the mother: one aged 34 has nine children, another has five, two of them twins.

The chair of Practice of Surgery in the College of Physicians, of New York, is about to become vacant through the resignation of Dr. H. B. Sands. There are several applicants for the important position, and it is proposed that they shall enter a competitive test for the honor, each to deliver a course of lectures, and a committee of the faculty to decide on their comparative fitness. This is a hopeful sign of the times, and the profession will greet it with joy.—*Med. Age.*

**BOOMING DOCTORS.**—An example of a new style of *working up* the doctor in a western town has come under our notice. A druggist gets out a printed fly-sheet, extolling the qualities of his drugs, dye-stuffs, paints, oils, etc., and also the transcendent abilities of the doctor who has "rented the office over my drug store." This is said to be done entirely without the knowledge of the doctor, who, however, shows his gratitude by giving a certificate, which appears in another fly-sheet, highly recommending the druggist's "Cream Flake Baking Powder."

The following combination, recommended by Dr. Fothergill, will be found a useful diuretic:

R. Pot. citrat., ..... ℥iiss.  
Spt. juniper co., ..... ℥j.  
Tr. digitalis..... ℥iiss.  
Inf. buchu ad.,..... ℥viiij.

M. Sig.—One or two teaspoonfuls three or four times a day.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*

**A DRUGGIST'S MISTAKE.**—An extremely sad case recently occurred in Hoboken through the mistake of a druggist who had had a large experience, and was usually extremely careful. A prescription was presented with ten grains of quinine to the dose; but sulphate of morphine was substituted, and two young women lost their lives thereby. When such mistakes recur so frequently, it seems strange that druggists are not compelled by law to take steps to avoid them. All medicines which are poisonous in large doses should be kept in separate compartments, and also in bottles of a peculiar shape and color.

A correspondent narrates the following as an actual occurrence: A young man, fresh from college, whence he came with honors and medals, was sent by his father, a practitioner of fifty years' standing, to attend a case of labor. The woman was in the throes of labor, but the young man on making digital examination found the os undilated. After waiting an hour, another examination showed no improvement. He then applied belladonna ointment, and sought to use forcible dilatation. But another hour passed by, and in spite of faithful work on the part of mother and doctor there was no dilatation. Becoming alarmed, the young man went after his father for assistance, but before he returned with the old man the child was born. He could not understand how such a thing could have happened. The old gentleman on examining the child discovered how it all was. The child's anus was red and patulous, and was liberally besmeared with unguentum belladonnæ. The worthy son of the noble sire had struck a breech presentation, and had actually mistaken the anus for an undilated os.—*Med. Age.*