

a woman apparently dead by the hypodermic injection of nitro-glycerine, in a case of collapse after child-birth. The doctor in attendance injected ten drops of a solution of nitro-glycerine (strength not given) into a vein. She made a good recovery. It has been suggested that this drug be used in cases of overdoses of chloroform and shock from surgical operation.

PRECAUTIONS IN CHANROID.—Besnier (*Rév. de Thérap.*) enjoins the following precautions in the above disease:—The contact of urine with the chanroid should be avoided, as suppuration is then favored. After micturition the chanroid should be washed with a solution of boric acid and covered with a protective ointment. The pubes should be frequently bathed with soap and water, and a pomade of boric acid, one-tenth per cent., thoroughly applied. If a bubo occurs, the parts should be shaved, and collodion applied.

PROCESS OF PETRIFYING ANIMAL BODIES.—The means of petrifying animal bodies was discovered (*Lancet*) by Dr. Massedaglia in the early part of this century. When he died he left a description of the method in a sealed packet to his lawful heirs. No heirs came forward till quite recently so that the secret may now be expected to be revealed. It is said there are some bodies of animals, petrified by the original discoverer, in the Museum of the University of Padua.

CORONERS.—Robert James Lockhart, M.D., of Hespeler to be an Associate Coroner for Wellington.

THERE are in London three hackney coach drivers, and one stage driver, all over eighty years of age. Only those who have seen the crowded thoroughfares of the modern Babylon can appreciate fully what the above statement means.

MR. SAVORY, F.R.S., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Senior Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Surgeon Extraordinary to Her Majesty, in the place of Richard Quain, deceased.

SHE KNEW.—Helen: "Mamma, what is a *casus belli*?" Mother: "My child, never speak of anything so indelicate! It is the Latin for stomach-ache."

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In consequence of the painful event which rendered necessary new arrangements for continuance of the publication of the LANCET, an accumulation of four of the volumes of the above series has resulted. We now have before us the 6th and 7th, and the 9th and 10th vols. The two former, by Drs. Hegar and Kaltentback, have been edited by Dr. Grandin. The subjects treated of are the morbid affections of the ovaries, and their therapeutic and surgical treatment, in vol. 6th; and operations on the uterus, vulva, perineum, vagina, etc., in vol. 7th. The wood engravings number no less than 248, presenting an instructive representation of both the normal and the morbid anatomy of the parts treated of, and an arsenal of gynecological munitions and devices which cannot fail to impress the neophyte in this branch of medical art, with the conviction of its vast amplitude, even now, when it is yet but in its infancy; and it may go without saying, that the fiscal returns from so large an investment must be very respectable.

Volume 9th, by Dr. Gusserow of Berlin, is devoted to the diseases of the mammary glands and the new growths of the uterus, and volume 10th to "diseases of the female urethra, bladder and vagina," by Dr. Winekel, of Munich. The same editor, and of course translator, has laboured in all the four volumes, and he has done his work in a very creditable manner. It is now beyond question that the young practitioner of the healing art should give serious attention to those maladies which are peculiar to the weaker sex; indeed, the senior members also might benefit by the study, for it is well known that the field is one of rich soil, and gives abundant returns.

The age has passed away, though it is not long since, in which the entire code of obstetrics and the corporeal troubles of our grandmothers could be squeezed into a single volume, or even the tail end of one. If the ailments of the sex were then as multitudinous as they now appear to be, perhaps the bliss of ignorance was alike comfortable to the physician and to his trustful patients. The completion of the Wm. Wood series of 12 volumes must convince the young, although hardly all the