

## Miscellaneous.

**NEW MEDICAL WORKS.**—Mr. Saunders, publisher, of Philadelphia, makes the following announcement: Important new medical works now in preparation, ready for delivery about June 1, 1892: (1) *An American Text-Book of Surgery*, by Professors Keen, White, Burnett, Conner, Dennis, Park, Nancrede, Pilcher, Senn, Shepherd, Stimson, Thomson, and Warren, forming one handsome royal octavo volume of about 1,200 pages (10 x 7 inches), profusely illustrated with wood-cuts in text and chromolithographic plates—many of them engraved from original photographs and drawings furnished by the authors. Price—cloth, \$7.00; sheep, \$8.00. (2) *An American Text-Book of the Theory and Practice of Medicine, according to American Teachers*, edited by William Pepper, M.D., LL.D., provost of the University of Pennsylvania, to be completed in two handsome royal octavo volumes of about 1,000 pages each, with illustrations to elucidate the text wherever necessary. Price per volume—cloth, \$5.00; sheep, \$6.00; half Russia, \$7.00.

**TO PREVENT GROWTH OF FUNGUS IN SUGAR SOLUTIONS.**—Mr. Leon C. Fink has carried out some experiments to determine exactly what proportion of salicylic acid is necessary to prevent growth of fungus in dilute aqueous solutions of sugar (*Bulletin of Pharmacy*). He finds that one-half grain of salicylic acid in each ounce of a one to three solution of sugar is an absolute safeguard against the formation of fungus, the liquid having remained perfectly clear and transparent after exposure for one year.—*Amer. Jour. of Med. Science*.

**A SMART TRICK.**—A Canadian medical student recently smuggled a skeleton into Canada from Detroit by dressing it up, properly padded, in woman's clothes, putting on it a hat and a thick blue veil, and seating it alongside of him in a buggy while crossing the ferry. After he had got it by the customs officers and into his own house, he learned that there was no duty on skeletons. His opinion of his own cleverness has fallen a degree or to.—*N. Y. Medical Record*.

**A CHEAP DISINFECTANT.**—Nitrate of lead is the cheapest disinfectant known that fulfils its intent. It does not, however, prevent putrefaction. The chloride of lead is much more effective in all directions. It is made by dissolving a small teaspoonful of the nitrate of lead in a pint of boiling water; then dissolving two teaspoons of common salt in eight quarts of water. When both are thoroughly dissolved, mix the two solutions. When the sediment has settled you have two gallons of clear fluid, which is a saturated solution of chloride of lead in water. A pound of nitrate of lead will make several barrels of the liquid, and costs from eighteen to twenty-five cents at retail.—*Annals of Hygiene*.

**THE PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS IN NEW YORK STATE.**—At a meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York at Albany, Feb. 5, a committee was appointed to co-operate in promoting the interests of the Pan-American Medical Congress. The committee consisted of Drs. A. Walter Suiter, A. Vander Veer, James D. Spencer, Seneca D. Powell, W. W. Potter, D. B. St. John Roosa, and John O. Roe.

**SUICIDE AMONG PHYSICIANS.**—The *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* tells us that physicians not only headed the list of suicides last year, but that they have headed it every year in the last ten. This promises to be still more conspicuous this year, as in the first twelve days of January no less than seven physicians committed suicide in the United States.

**PRIZE OF THE SOCIÉTÉ MÉDICALE DES HÔPITAUX.**—The Hospitals Medical Society of Paris offers a prize of 1,000 francs (\$200) for the best essay upon "Artificial Feeding of Infants." The competitive papers must be sent to the secretary of the society not later than July 1st, 1892.

**COUNTERFEIT MUMMIES.**—Seventeen mummies, recently purchased at a cost of \$200,000 by the Berlin Museum, have been shown to be of recent manufacture and the handiwork of some wily Arabs of Alexandria.

A SCOTCH hospital is to be erected in Chicago as a memorial of Robert Burns.