

of medication both directly and indirectly, and it is a portion of the economy so universally necessary to the comfort, health and life of every single member of the human family, that in its possibilities there is, so to speak, no end to it. However it may be treated, whether by expert or neophyte, it is senseless, earless, eyeless. However much the viscus may be damaged, in the course of its experiences, its hapless owner can't see it and be a reliable witness to malpractice in a court of justice. He can't by sight count its scars, measure in inches the depth of his sphinctral misery. Any error in diagnosis or failure in treatment, while necessarily fundamental and possibly serious in its consequences, is easily covered up, for, with a little alum or tannin properly applied, so far as giving anything away is concerned, the rectum may be rendered as 'tight as a drum.' The failure, should it occur, may be attributed to a 'cold,' or some indiscretion in diet, or to atmospheric or telluric disturbances, to all of which the rectum is highly sensitive. A sudden and unforeseen onset of microbes may upset the calculations and predictions of the most skilful and astute physician, and render negative his best endeavors. To the coming doctor the rectum presents an opening compared to which a malposed womb or dislocated ovary is nothing worth a thought. In a word, the womb of the future is pregnant with golden possibilities regarding the rectum."

"MELLIN'S FOOD.—This preparation is, in fact, an excellent attempt to give the extractive and soluble portion of Liebig's food, without the cellular and indigestible part of the meal. In other preparations of this class this was partially avoided, but not wholly so, by straining. There is no evidence of starch remaining in this preparation, it having been all converted into grape-sugar and dextrine, and there is no reason to believe that it is prepared from anything but malt and wheat. As a food for delicate infants, there can be no question as to its great value."—*Medical Press and Circular, London.*

LACTOPEPTINE.—We have used this article for some time in cases of indigestion, and can recommend it as a valuable remedy. Being a compound of the five active agents which are contained in the process of digestion, it cannot fail to aid the system in preparing the food for assimilation. It is an invaluable remedy in the summer diarrhoea of children. Owing to its great impairment of the vital forces, and feeble powers of the digestive tract, food frequently irritates and increases the difficulty. For such cases we learn of no agent in the *Materia Medica* as reliable as Lactopeptine.—*Cal. Med. Jour.*