

Annotations.

SPARE WOMEN, it is said, may acquire flesh and roundness of form by the use of warm baths and inunctions of oil.

IN THE PRACTICE of the advanced physician, "Let me see your cellar" is beginning to take precedence of "Let me see your tongue."

CHOLERA INFANTUM AND STRAWBERRIES—Professor Storer, of Cambridge University, recently proclaimed that strawberries produced constipation. Dr. Williams, in the *Boston Journal of Chemistry*, proves the notion. He prescribed for a child dying with cholera infantum one strawberry each hour. The child speedily recovered.

IT HAS BEEN lately suggested that rotten potatoes and apples are causative of diphtheria, the fungi on these being identical with the fungi of the diphtheritic ulcer. An observer says that the disease invariably attacks families in which the Irish tuber is eaten, and that, during epidemics, families who abstained from the vegetable enjoyed immunity from the disease. Sweet potatoes are not supposed to be similarly injurious. So says a welcome exchange, the 'National Med. Rev.'

PRIZE FOR AN ESSAY ON DIPHTHERIA.—The German Empress has offered a prize of 2000 marks (£100) for the best essay on Diphtheria. The conditions are, that the writer is to bring forward important *new* facts as to the essential nature (*das Wesen*) of the disease, especially with regard to the infectious matter which propogates it, its dissemination, and the means for arresting its progress. The essays may be written in German, English or French, and must be sent to Professor V. Langenbeck, Berlin, on or before December 15, 1880.

A DEATH FROM GLANDERS recently took place in St. Mary's Hospital, London, Eng., and at the Police-courts several persons were summoned for having glandered horses in their possession without giving the necessary information. Mr. Paget, the magistrate, told one of the defendants 'that a glandered horse was more dangerous than a mad dog; and it was perfectly monstrous that this loathsome disease should have been allowed to exist in the number of cases only now brought to notice, with all the risks which each one entailed upon the community at large.