

Dr. Liebreich, the discoverer of chloral, says that chloral and strychnia are mutually opposed in therapeutic action, so that each neutralizes the poison of the other. Doses of chloral sufficient to kill a rabbit were opposed by deadly doses of strychnia.

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#### VACCINATION.

Dr. Snow says in his last monthly report as City Registrar of Providence :

The experience of the past winter has only been a repetition of the old, well-established story in this city—the absolute protection from small-pox afforded by vaccination, and the importance of re-vaccination. The small pox has been brought into Providence no less than five times since last November, from other places. The first time the disease was extensively spread before it was recognized; but was arrested completely after about thirty cases, mostly modified, had occurred. In the other four instances, the disease was confined to the parties who brought it from other places. Vaccination has been quite general in the city during the past winter, and we may say confidently that there are few, if any, places in the country where the population is so well protected against small-pox as in Providence.

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#### Medical News.

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The June number of the Gynæcological Society of Boston appears in mourning for Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart. During the Session of the American Medical Association at Washington, the news of Sir James Simpson's death was received. A meeting was called, and attended by Dr. Barnes, Surgeon General U. S. Army, Dr. Wood, Chief of the Medical Department of U. S. Navy, and in fact all the eminent men of Washington, and in Washington at the time. Eloquent eulogiums on the lamented deceased were delivered.

A marble bust of the late Maurice H. Collis, M.D., has been placed in the Meath Hospital, Dublin, of which institution he was one of the Surgeons.

The *Dublin Medical Press* says that a minute quantity of carbolic acid may be detected in solution by adding a drop of tinct. ferri chloridi, when a purple coloration will ensue.