

take it quite as readily as they do the pills. Since the appearance of Mr. Clay's paper Chian turpentine has gone up considerably in price; a short time ago there was hardly any demand for it, now it is obtained with the greatest difficulty, and we are told that we are not to expect any more for three months—a serious matter for sufferers from cancer. In a few days the Chian turpentine rose from three shillings a pound to sixteen shillings, and then the supply practically ceased. I hear that a large firm in London has some four or five pounds, but they naturally enough do not care to part with it, and keep it for their regular customers. A writer in *The Lancet* says that much of what is now sold as Chian turpentine is a wholly fictitious article, manufactured from black resin, Canada balsam, and the essential oils of fennel and juniper. Perhaps one of the most curious points about the new remedy is that it was mentioned by Paracelsus in his "*Chirurgia Magna*" as a cure for cancer.—*Therapeutic Gazette*.

### **Sims' Speculum always at Hand.—**

The index and middle fingers of the right hand may be used as a perineal retractor in place of the ordinary Sims' speculum. They may be introduced with the patient in Sims' latero-prone position, the operator standing back of the patient, on the side of the table, in exactly the position of the assistant who holds the speculum in the ordinary way. In this manner the cervix and vagina may be exposed almost as well as by the speculum. This method of exposing the parts may be of great use when a speculum is needed and not accessible, in the application, for instance, of the tampon in sudden cases of hemorrhage, or in consultations at a distance, when, for reasons not anticipated, it becomes necessary to examine the pelvic organs.—*Ex.*

**Lacerated Cervix.**—O. E. Herrick suggests a modification of Emmet's operation for lacerated cervix. He freshens the edges of the laceration, but instead of applying sutures as Emmet directs, he encircles the neck with a rubber ring or with several of the little rubber loops that are found at the stationers and are used for holding papers together.