

into the glottis and in many instances more so, and it is on the whole safer and more manageable.

A modified portecaustique by Mathews of Portugal street, useful for this purpose has a case of platina for containing the caustic; this moves on a ball and socket joint, and may by that means be fixed at any angle: its handle is constructed in telescope fashion and may be drawn out to any length than can be required.

Great caution must be observed in using nit. silver, if applied too freely it causes too much inflammation and ulceration. In some cases indeed this cannot be avoided but with due care they need never be so much as to be troublesome and very often they are salutary. I always make the patient gargle very frequently with the coldest water, iced if it can be had, for some hours after the application: by those means inflammation is limited and the parts strengthened. If time permitted I could detail numerous instances of the most troublesome and pertinacious coughs which after resisting the usual medicines yielded to three or four applications of the nit. of silver made as I have advised.

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LICET OMNIBUS, LICET NOBIS DIGNITATEM ARTIS MEDICÆ TUERI.

The present age has, not inappropriately, been termed "the age of journalism." Every profession has now one or more organs. Many affect to sneer at the rapid multiplication of quarterlies, monthlies, bi-monthlies, and weeklies; and the question, *cui lano?* is instantly propounded by such persons on the appearance of any new publication. We will not attempt to deny that it would be difficult in a few instances to give a satisfactory answer to this query. Journals of questionable utility are sometimes to be met with. The periodical literature of the day, as a general rule, however, is distinguished for sterling worth and excellence. As to the necessity and importance of a Medical Journal in Canada, there cannot be two opinions. A profession, numbering at present in this Province, upwards of 800 members, and receiving at stated periods important accessions to its ranks, intellectually as well as numerically, must have a medium through which its members may communicate, for mutual instruction, the results of their observations. Scattered over an immense extent of territory of diversified physical aspect and character, the medical practitioners of Canada, cannot but meet, occasionally, with diseases that are purely *endemic* in their nature; and, what is of equal if not greater interest, the modifying power of local physical causes over certain well-known affections, frequently falls beneath their notice. To carefully record these, whenever found to exist, is the duty of every physician in the country. The hospitals and dispensaries which are now established in our cities, and more particularly *individual prac-*