

MEDICAL NEWS.

Professor Agassiz being sympathized with on account of a recent illness of great severity contracted in ichthyological pursuits, said, "Ah yes, I have been very sick, but no matter, I have found a fish without ventrals."—An idea has been broached that the disease of potatoes is in consequence of the non-observance of the precepts of Moses, who ordained that the soil should be left fallow during every 7th year, as God rested on the 7th day.—James Thomas, of Liverpool, set up a claim for a license that he was the father of 35 children.—Quacks and quackery flourish more in England than in any other country; there are nearly 30,000 persons practising one or more departments of medicine and surgery without qualifications.—The cultivation of the camphor tree (*camphora officinarum*) has recently been introduced in Louisiana.—Dr. George C. Shattuck, of Boston, has recently given \$14,000 to Harvard University, for the purpose of placing on a permanent foundation the chair of morbid anatomy in that institution. The Professorship is to be called the "Shattuck Professorship of Morbid Anatomy."—An exchange gives the following definitions:—Medical Colleges. Places where professional dignity is inculcated, and personal indignities practised: Physicians. Men who attend upon others, and contend with each other.—About 400 authors have written works on the Dental Art.—Cholera has made its appearance at Lambeth, Bayswater, and in the House of Correction and Cold Bath Fields, London. Cases have occurred at Ipswich and Grays, Essex.—M. Milier is on a mission from the French Government to watch the progress of cholera and its mode of treatment in England.—John Morton, a resident of Arkansas, is the father of twenty-nine children, by three wives, viz., nine sons and twenty daughters.—Amurath III., a Sultan of Turkey, who died in 1595, at the age of 50, left 200 of his own children in the Seraglio at his death.—A Mr. Lutterbach is preparing a treatise on the "art of utterly changing and re-modelling the features by the exercise of a power inherent in the muscles."—At Exeter (England), a child was recently born with thirteen fingers on one hand.—When General Washington was in New York, a year or two after the revolution, it is said he had a set of false teeth inserted by the only dentist in the city. There are now practising in New York nearly one thousand dentists.—Africa has had a year of health.—Gleason's pictorial newspaper says that a physician on the margin of the Western Railroad desires to sell out to a person who wishes to acquire a knowledge of surgery.—Dr. Marshall Hall is now in the Southern States. He intends going to China ultimately.—Old Kieu Long, Emperor of China, talking of the English system of physic, after wondering that a single Englishman could be in good health, said, "Let me tell you how I treat my physicians. There are four to whom my health is confided. They receive a certain sum every week; but the moment I am taken sick their salaries are stopped until get better. It is scarcely necessary for me to add that my complaints do not last long."—Dr. T. J. Trundle, of Union, Boone Co., Ky., has been arrested, accused of kidnapping slaves.—Dr. Wm. Hunter, now in prison at Camden, N. J. is accused of having four wives. Report says he has had as many as twenty in different parts of the County, and yet he is but 28 years old.—The section of medicine at the recent scientific congress at Amiens, after a long discussion, decided the question of the cause of cholera in the affirmative.—M. Charrier, veterinary surgeon at Rheims, extirpates the ovaries of cows by an incision through the superior wall of the vagina, safely and with little pain. Cows thus treated continue to give excellent milk for a long period, the weight is doubled, and their flesh is greatly improved in quality. The benefits of this recovery are valued by the scientific congress at twelve millions of dollars.—The State of New York is not far enough advanced in civilization to legalize the dissection of the dead.—Dr. Charvètes, of Athens, has published cases which he deems illustrative of the curative powers of Asparagus in Hydrophobia.—Professor A. Litton has been appointed chemist of the Geological Survey of the State of Missouri.—Owen Duffy, of Ireland, is 122 years old. When 116 he lost his second wife and soon married a third, by whom he had a son and daughter. His eldest boy is 90 years old.—The Nashville Journal recommends "Traveling Doctors" to adopt the following mode of advertising:—Dr. A. B. will stand the following season, during the months of April and May, at the town of A., &c., &c. He will be in patients either by the season or insurance at the reasonable price of \$10 the season of to insure. PEDIGREE. Dr. A. B. was trained by Dr. C. D. and graduated at the University of New Yankeeoodle, and is, therefore, up to snuff, and warranted not to flash in the pan.