

favourably. This incident, gravely given in the *Allgemeine Med. Central Zeitung*, June 4th, if true, is an astounding example of reckless surgery. But perhaps it is intended for what Artemus Ward called "a goak."—*Gaillard's Journal*.

—Dr. T. F. Houston writes:—For fresh cold in the head, accompanied with obstruction in the nasal passages:—

<b>R</b> Carbolic acid, - - - - -	5 j
Absolute alcohol, - - - - -	5 ij
Caustic solution of ammonia, -	5 j
Distilled water, - - - - -	5 iij

M. Make a cone of writing paper; put a small piece of cotton in it; drop on the cotton ten drops of the mixture, and inhale until all is evaporated. Repeat this every two hours until relieved.—*So. Med. Record*.

**PODOPHYLLOTOXIN**—the name given to the chloroform extract of the mandrake root—is claimed to be more reliable in its action than Podophyllin. As a cathartic, it is given to children under 1 year in doses of  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  gr.; up to 4 years,  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  gr., and above that age,  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr. It is readily soluble in rectified spirit.

**JOHANN HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT**—a liquid resembling in appearance British porter—has been sent to us from Germany pretty freely during the last few years. Our esteemed President (Dr. Andrew Fergus) brought it under my notice about twelve months ago, and acquainted me with the fact of its having—in many cases coming under his own observation—proved of service in restoring the energies of individuals suffering from faulty nutrition. Suffering at that time from an attack of illness which had not only reduced my strength, but brought on extreme exhaustion from inability to appropriate food, I tried the effect of Hoff's Malt Extract, in the usual dose of a wineglassful twice or three times a day. Its use was followed by marked effects:—(1) Food which had hitherto been found to pass the alimentary canal unchanged, digested properly. (2) There appeared an increased power of evolving animal heat and storing up fat.—*Dr. J. J. Coleman before the Philosophical Society of Glasgow.*