

pairs of shoemaker's pincers with stout curved handles. The latter were slipped over the heads of the children, and by pulling against the pivoted lock successful extraction was made. Both mothers and both children made perfect recoveries. One of the latter had a scar just at the edge of the hair, but the growth of the latter (the child being a girl) soon covered it up. This girl grew up into blooming womanhood and was married the week before the convention met.—*Medical Record*.

CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM IN A BOY OF THIRTEEN YEARS.—At the meeting of the New York Pathological Society, held on the 23rd April last, Dr. H. M. Briggs presented a specimen of advanced cirrhosis of the liver, taken from the body of a boy 13 years old, in whom were found all the other lesions of chronic alcoholism. When the child was two years old he had an attack of bronchitis, for which the physician prescribed whiskey. He seemed to be fond of it, and his parents allowed him to gratify his taste whenever he desired, giving him money for the purpose. He used to drink about an ounce and a half six or eight times a day. The day of his death he purchased a larger quantity than usual, and drank it all at once. He was found some hours after in a semi-comatose condition, from which he never rallied. At the autopsy the liver was found to be markedly cirrhotic, and all the other lesions of chronic alcoholism were present in advanced degree.

ANTIVIVISECTION BITTERNESS.—The Society for the Protection of Animals from Vivisection recently held its annual spring conference in London. The war-cry this year was "Pasteurism and Crime," and Canon Wilberforce is reported to have rejoiced in the fact that the movement to found a Pasteur Institute in England had been defeated by the Society's method of placarding the city with large posters containing the list of those who had died after treatment by the Pasteurian system. Many others indulged in bitter denunciation of both vivisection and Pasteurism, as being the means of brutalizing the otherwise honorable and useful profession of medicine. One speaker likened vivisection to the liquor traffic, and said that inasmuch as it would be impossible to regulate either by laws, they must be torn out root and branch. Other speakers said that they could prove by competent medical testimony that humanity had been injured by the attempt to apply the results of investigations made on the inferior animals. Altogether, much zeal, though but little knowledge, was exhibited by these people, who are friends to every animal but man.—*Medical News*.