

louder call from an ever-increasing distance, till finally her voice is borne on the wings of light from regions of immeasurable space.

THEVENOT'S GLOBULES.—M. Thevenot's invention will doubtless be as welcome to the patient as it is useful and interesting to the medical man. By the use of thin layers of gum compressed and welded into the shape of small hollow spheres—an operation performed with marvellous ease and accuracy by steam machinery—the most unmanageable drugs are encased and dosed in all their freshness and pureness, and can be stowed away without fear of the slightest deterioration. Thus ether and even nitrite of amyl are imprisoned in their gum shells, and stand the test of years without evaporation. For some preparations of iron, which are liable to become useless by attracting moisture, for medicines of which exposure destroys the value, as well as for drugs like castor oil, cod-liver oil, turpentine, copaiba, &c., the smell and taste of which are so repulsive as often to make their administration impracticable, M. Thevenot's method is most useful. It is certainly entitled to the praise of the profession no less than to the gratitude of many invalids.—*The Doctor*.

INDELIBLE INK STAINS may be removed by a solution of corrosive sublimate.

PHOTOGRAPHING IN COLOURS is said to be now practised successfully by M. Joseph Albert, photographer to the Court of Vienna.

A SURE AND RAPID CURE FOR HICCOUGH.—Dr. Grellet, of Vichy, states that he has never failed in immediately relieving simple hiccough by administering a lump of sugar soaked with vinegar.—*Révue Méd.*, Dec. 16.

ANTIMONY.—A deposit of antimony sulphide has been found near Greymouth, New Zealand, and the analysis gives 84 oz. of gold and 36 oz. of silver to the ton.

A DROP of extract of eucalyptus applied on cotton to the sensitive dentine just before excavating is said to be the best local anæsthetic for dental operations.—*Chemist and Druggist*.

HOME SCIENCE.—Mrs. Nag won't believe in physiology. She maintains that whatever the book may say her husband is a cold-blooded animal.

Did you ever hear of the man who, being required by his physician to take two blue pills "in some convenient vehicle," sat down in his wheel-barrow to swallow the pellets, as he didn't keep a carriage?

"Would a little spirits now and then hurt me much?" asked a patient of his physician. "No," said the doctor; "a little spirits now and then would not hurt you much, but if you don't take any they wont hurt you at all."

THE DRUG MARKET.

Under this caption we propose to give, monthly, a short review of the tendencies of the market in the

leading articles of drugs and chemicals, trusting that the introduction of this new department in the columns of the RECORD may secure additional interest at the hands of our Pharmaceutical friends, whose growing patronage is much appreciated.

Since the beginning of the present year, there has been no particularly marked or sudden change in any line of drugs or chemicals, but there has been a quiet but steady tendency downwards in many of the leading lines, such as Santonine, Salicine, Mercurials, Bromide Potash, and other Bromine preparations, Citric Acid, Aloes, Salicylic Acid, etc. Quinine and all preparations of Peruvian Bark have been, generally speaking, very steady, and there is little prospect of any decline in the immediate future.

Opium and its preparations are rather easier in both the New York and London markets, and the slight excitement raised a few weeks ago, by reports from Smyrna, of damage to growing crop, has died out, large stocks being held by importers.

Quicksilver has not been so low as it is at present since 1869, and there is no immediate prospect of an improvement in price, as new mines are being constantly developed in California. We direct attention to a paragraph in another column on this subject.

Salicine.—The Continental market having been depleted of this article, with orders still unfilled, there has been a sharp advance in price, and there is a probability of its value, which declined steadily during the early part of the year, again advancing to a high figure.

Camphor.—American camphor, of which considerable quantities are sold in this market, has experienced a steady rise during the past month, the stock in New York being rather light in consequence of delay in expected arrivals, and, as the demand will be steady for the next two months, the price will be likely to remain firm. English camphor is, however, slightly easier, and, as the prices more nearly approach, the demand for the English will increase, the quality being superior to the American.

Castor Oil remains without much change, although the tendency in East Indian oil is downward. American oil, of which there is considerable in the market, is, however, firm for good brands.

Essential Oils.—Lemon, new crop, is slightly higher. Bergamot, a little lower. Anise, considerably advanced. Sassafras, higher.

Acids of all kinds, with two or three exceptions, will be higher in price, as the new tariff imposes a duty of 20 per cent. upon them, whereas they were formerly free. Their value will, therefore, be enhanced to the extent of the duty.

Cardamon Seeds have been steadily advancing in price for some months, and are higher at present than for years back, with a prospect of still higher prices prevailing.

Cantharides are low at present, and large stocks are held in London and New York, so that the price is likely to remain at a moderate figure for some time.

Iodine and its preparations, which advanced toward the close of the year, is slightly easier, but any marked decline is not looked for, the combination entered into last year being firmly held to so far.

Cubebs, which were so dull of sale for a long time, suddenly, about the beginning of the year, took a run upwards, a demand having arisen for them as a remedy, or rather a palliative, in asthmatic complaints by smoking. The berry is ground and mixed with some other aromatics, and prepared as cigarettes for use.