

Miscellaneous.

Paris Clinics.

The students are beginning to return from the summer vacation, and the Latin quarter is beginning to take on a lively air again. There are almost all nationalities represented here. Of the foreigners, the Russians and Roumanians predominate. It is a study to sit in front of one of the principal cafés here and watch the people go by.

The number of students, they tell me, has diminished within late years on account of the expensive living. The time when one could live over here in the students' quarter for \$500 per year has gone by, and to live even modestly one needs at least \$1,000 per year. Board and room in anything like a fair pension or boarding-place costs \$10 per month for the two meals, déjeuner a fourchette, at noon-time, and dinner in the evening. Nearly everybody here takes only coffee and rolls in the morning. You have to pay ten cents for a cup of coffee in even the cheaper restaurants, and bread extra, and a franc, or twenty cents, in the better class, over in the commercial section of Paris, and bread extra: and any kind of a decent déjeuner a fourchette, in the restaurants, in the students' quarter, costs three francs, and dinner three fifty, and from that up. A good-sized glass of beer costs ten cents.

There are not many American medical students here. I have only met two since I have been here. If one wants to study one particular branch of medicine, and understands the French language, this is a good place to come to, as there is plenty of material in the clinics connected with the hospitals. Surgery is particularly good here, in its various sub-divisions—head surgery, abdominal surgery, etc. The Saint Louis Hospital, with its more than a thousand beds for syphilitic and skin cases, furnishes a matchless place for the study of dermatology. The Salpetriere, the celebrated hospital for nervous diseases, with its nearly four thousand beds, is a place that is unsurpassed for the study of neurotic diseases. If one wishes to take several courses in medicine at the same time, Paris is no place to come to, as the hospitals and clinics are so scattered that one would have to race around nearly all day to take even a limited number of these courses. Vienna or Berlin would be a place for such a person to visit. There is a good summer course here given in the School of Medicine on laryngology, with plenty of material.