

MEDICAL NEWS.

Dr. Dietl of the Vienna Hospital has published his investigations as to the curative power of nature and arrived at this deduction, in 85 cases of pneumonia treated by blood letting 16 died; of 106 cases by Tartar emetic 22 died; while of 189 cases left to the curative power of nature, without medicine, only 14 died.—Dr. Kimball of London, lately removed from the abdomen of a lady in Lettiox, an ovarian tumor weighing 45 pounds. She is now in a fair way of recovery.—Professor Dugas, in the Medical College of Georgia, a few days since, had to extirpate a large tumor on the back weighing about 6 pounds.—The total number of deaths in Chicago last year was 3,827, of which 1,434 were from cholera.—Agassiz is preparing to publish the results of his laborious investigations on the Natural History of the United States. It will be issued in about 10 large volumes, each complete in itself and for sale separately at 12 dollars.—The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy have petitioned the City Government that its members in Boston may be appointed agents to sell spurious liquors for chemical, medicinal and mechanical purposes.—Tartar Emetic in 7 doses has been lately recommended as a remedy for drunkenness by Dr. Gilbert in the *Lancet*.—186 children were vaccinated at the Williamsburg, (N. Y.) Dispensary between the 1st and 20th May.—The "Stethoscope" periodical has been purchased by the publishers Messrs. Ritchie and Dunaway by whom it will be issued regularly as heretofore.—Infusion of senna made with cold water is tasteless, it should macerate for 12 hours; it contains the cathartic and coloring matters leaving the essential of the fatty matter and the mucous resin which are only soluble in hot water. If concentrated by subsequent evaporation it may be prescribed in small doses.—The anæsthetic effects of congelation as proposed by Professor Arnott have been lately tested in operations in the London Hospitals; they appear to be confined merely to the skin.—At Aleppo there is an hospital for cats. It was founded by a rich Mussulman and is one of the best endowed institutions in the city. Here sick cats are nursed homeless cats find shelter and decrepit cats gratefully put away their declining years. The whole category embrace several hundreds and it is quite a sight to behold the court, the corridors and terraces of the mosque swarming with them.—The cost of advertising quack medicines in the United States annually is estimated at \$200,000.—A Mrs. Miller of Harrisburg, Pa., at her first confinement gave birth to 2 children, at her second to 3 and some time ago at her third to 5 boys, making in all 10 children in 4 years and all living.—Four millions of men in China are said to be opium drunkards and 100,000 die annually.—Louis Durand who died at Panama a few years ago at the age of 90 had been, it is said, the father of over 10 children.—The celebrated Dr. Martin Barry especially distinguished for researches in embryology, has paid the debt of nature. He died at the age of 53, at Beccles in Suffolk.—Dr. Bartlett has, from continued ill health, been obliged to resign the chair of Materia Medica in College of Physicians and Surgeons, N. Y. He has been appointed Emeritus professor. Dr. J. M. Smith has been appointed Professor of Materia Medica and Clinical Medicine.—Dr. Soma attributes to belladonna more energy and quickness of action as a tonic than ergot possessors.—The Indians (black feet and other tribes) use the rattle, the rattlesnake not only to hasten labor, but to produce abortion. The common dose is one rattle, sometimes increased to two, which are taken pulverized and mixed with water.—The blood of the garter snake is sometimes used for the same purpose.—M. Jeoffroy St. Hilaire, has been recently delivering lectures to the people of Paris, upon the value of horse flesh as food, and recommends it as a good substitute for beef.—Walton & Maberly publishers, give Mr. Erichsen £1000 for his late work on surgery. Other publishers actually considered it worth nothing. It has been refused a place in the College of Surgeons Library, London.—A woman recently died at Whitechapel, aged 53, of whom the Registrar says: "Bed sore [about seven days], obesity, supposed to weigh about 23 or 24 stone."—At Liverpool the supply of fresh water from all sources is 62,000,000 gallons a week the requirement is 60,000,000. Sea water is used for watering the streets.—A prize of \$100 is offered to the physicians of Alabama by the State Association for the best essay during the present year on some medical subject.—Berschhoff, the eminent physiologist, well known for his researches in embryology, is about to leave the University of Gießen for that of Munich. The latter institution will thus have deprived that of Gießen of two of its greatest ornaments, viz., Baron Liebig and M. Benschhoff.