

## Miscellaneous.

**THE FIRST RECORDED DEATH IN HYPNOSIS.**—The death of Ella Salamon, in Tuzer, Upper Hungary, at her home, on September 17th, 1894, while in an hypnotic state, has attracted much attention abroad owing to the fact that it is the first recorded instance of death of this kind.—*Journal American Medical Association.*

**TREATMENT OF NEURASTHENIA.**—Dr. Greene M. Hammond, in an article on "Alcoholics in Neurasthenia," says: "Maltine with coca wine is a preparation agreeable to the palate, is a food in itself, assists in the digestion of starchy and nitrogenous foods, and is also a useful tonic to the nervous system. In this form moderate quantities of alcohol can be administered to the best advantage. It is a mild tonic and stimulant, diminishing irritability and despondency, and promoting the gradual restoration of nervous strength."—*Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases*, November, 1894.

**TWO EXCELLENT HINTS FOR PRACTITIONERS.**—Dr. Cocksedge, of Wales, places the following "tips" at the disposal of his brethren: If you have a fatiguingly deaf patient to talk to, place the ear pieces of your binaural stethoscope in the patient's ears and talk into the chest-piece, and you have an excellent ear-trumpet. If you leave your spectacles at home, being old and apresbyopic, make a hole with a pin in the corner of your visiting card, and you can read your clinical thermometer or anything else.—*Medical Press.*

**A QUACK REMEDY FOR DROPSY.**—The *Lyon Medical* remarks upon the inventiveness of persons who play upon the credulity of the public, and cites the case of a certain German charlatan who vaunted a powder infallible in the cure of dropsy. This powder, which the quack pretended had cost him twenty years' research, and which he sold for a hundred and forty francs a kilogramme, was nothing whatever but the ash of Havana cigars. This was found to be the case both by chemical and by microscopical examination. Some persons affected with dropsy professed to have derived

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