

some stout soldiers, who, upon trial, were all disappointed in their expectations, bilked of their money, and derided by the girl, who remained as much a maid as ever. Sometime afterwards this girl committed herself to the care of a surgeon, in order to be freed from the impediment; the case succeeded so well, that in a little time afterwards he got her with child, and she brought him twins into the world, as a testimony of his skill and a reward for his trouble.

PHYSICIANS.—Zimmerman says, if you need a physician, employ these three: A cheerful mind, rest, and a temperate diet. Pope declares that

“A wise physician, skill'd our wounds to heal,  
Is more than armies to the public weal.”

Butler says:

“For men are brought to worse distresses  
By taking physic, than diseases,  
And therefore commonly recover  
As soon as doctors give them over.”

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—“What acid do we get from iodine?” asked the medical professor. “We get—a-n—usually get idiotic acid,” yawned the student. “Have you been taking some?” quietly asked the professor.

VASELINE.—The attention of our readers is called to this valuable product obtained from petroleum. As a base for ointments, it is to be preferred to lard, as it never becomes rancid. There are also many valuable toilet preparations now manufactured from this base, amongst others being the *Vaseline Cold Cream*, one of the most soothing and elegant preparations obtainable at this season of the year.

—A new Pepsin, called *Pepsina Prorsa*, is being introduced to the notice of the profession by Kenneth Campbell & Co. The makers claim it to be an absolute Pepsin, without the addition of sugar of milk, starch or other dilutant. We have seen a sample that has been proved to us to answer the test given by the makers—one grain being capable of dissolving 220 grains of coagulated albumen.