

these posts Dr. Sturgis was most highly recommended by the senior medical officers, and presented most flattering testimonials from many sources. But when his claims were discussed before the managing committee it was discovered that he had married a wife possessing a medical diploma. This was too much. His application was dismissed without appeal.

SPENCER WELLS' 1,000TH OVARIOTOMY.—Our readers will be interested to know, says the *Lancet*, that Mr. Spencer wells has just completed his 1,000th case of ovariectomy. The patient is doing well. With Mr. Wells' 888th case he began to treat his cases antiseptically. The results since have been even better than before. Recovery has been more rapid, fever being avoided by the antiseptic precautions. Few surgeons in this or in any preceding age have been able to look back upon such a history of anxious, original, and life-saving work.

DEATH FROM ETHYL BROMIDE.—Dr. Levis, of Philadelphia, reports the fatal case. Patient was a young man with stone. Had cystitis, also cough and emaciation. The operation was being resorted to as a *dernier ressort*. A drachm only of the anæsthetic was being administered when the breathing ceased, and he died almost immediately. There was found advanced pulmonary phthisis, and the tubes were filled with muco-pus.

ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN HEALTH.—London at the present may claim the distinction of being the most healthy city of importance in the world (Med. Press and Circular). The death-rate in the capital of the British Empire is only eighteen per thousand of its population of four million. The other extreme is St. Petersburg, with a mortality of fifty-nine per thousand.

THE LITHOPHONE.—At the meeting of the Académie de Médecine of March 30, Dr. Langlebert presented a new instrument, made under his directions by MM. Mathieu Fils, for the diagnosis of vesical calculi. The instrument is composed of a small cylindro-conical drum of glazed pasteboard, to the extremity of which an exploring sound is attached. Such is the resonant power of this apparatus that the smallest stroke, an insensible grazing of the