

—The columns of our contemporary, the *Atlanta Medical & Surgical Journal*, for the past few months have afforded its readers some *lively* reading in the form of a discussion between Dr. Hammond of New York and Dr. Hopkins of Thomasville, Ga. Dr. Hopkins took a patient to see Dr. Hammond, and in the October number gave a description of the visit, mode of examination, &c., which certainly places the New York consultant in a most unenviable light. He came out also with several of the stories which are current about the doctor, and referred to his unfortunate army experiences. In the November number Dr. Hammond makes a pretty fair defence, to which Dr. Hopkins rejoins, asserting the truth of his previous statements, and using very strong language, too strong, indeed, for a man with a very good case. Indeed this Hopkins-Hammond controversy bids fair to illustrate again, as in the Hammond-Grissom quarrel, the richness of the English language in expletives and denunciation.

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### Obituary.

DR. DARLING, F.R.C.S., Eng., died in New York on the 24th ult., aged 82. He was born in Dunse, Scotland, went to the United States in 1830, and, after a life of some years as a tutor, studied medicine at the University of New York, where he graduated in 1842. He had previously, as early as 1824, been a student at Edinburgh, but from some cause his studies were at that time interrupted. He became Demonstrator of Anatomy at his school in 1845, and for years assisted Professors Pattison and Mott. In 1856 he went to England, passed the membership of the Royal College of Surgeons, and in 1866 passed the Fellowship, and the same year was appointed to the chair of anatomy in the University of New York, which position he occupied until his death. He was also Lecturer in Anatomy at the Vermont School. He was a bachelor, and lived a very secluded life in the rooms at the University. As an anatomist, he was a good teacher, but the science has not been much enriched by his contributions; indeed, his papers were very few. In the class-room, a great knowledge of anatomical literature enabled him to make the lectures exceedingly interesting. He had col-