

very serious, but the idea of a large fee troubled him sorely.

"Doctor, how much will you charge me?"

"Not a cent."

"Ha, ah! thank you, Doctor."

"Your heirs will pay me," said the Doctor.

The Military Journal of Saint Petersburg publishes a Ministerial decree, ordering that the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th Battalions of Siberian Chasseurs, shall have a midwife on the staff. Their salary will be three hundred roubles, with an additional allowance of one hundred roubles for messing.

In the *Bulletin Generale de Therapeutique* Dr. Pecholier points out the remarkable fact that the half-dozen drugs generally regarded by physicians as "specifics" are all of them no more nor no less than germicides. Such a conclusion, if fully demonstrated, would be considered strong confirmatory evidence in favor of the germ theory of disease. The specifics named by Pecholier are iodine, mercury, quinine, sulphur and arsenic.

The *Gazette Hebdomadaire des Sciences Medicales* of Bordeaux publishes a remarkable article from the celebrated Dr. Picot, in which, after a thorough investigation of the experiments and discoveries of Dr. Ferran, he declares himself a convert, and warmly eulogizes him.

### THE MARSEILLAISE.

The following has been composed by an idle Frenchman, to be sung to the well-known air as above:

Allons, enfants, de la patrie,  
Le petit microbe est arrivé,  
Contre nous de la bacterie  
L'étendard sanglant est élevé [bis.]  
Au phenol, citoyens!  
Vive les fumigations!  
Désinfectons! Désinfectons!  
Que laudanum abreuve nos sillons.

### PERSONAL.

Dr. Wolfred Nelson left the Isthmus by the *Aca-pulco* for New York. The doctor has been a resident of the Isthmus for five years, and has devoted much attention to diseases of the climate, and particularly to yellow fever, that scourge of the Tropics. Dr. Nelson goes to New York to accept the position of Medical Inspector of the New York Life Insurance Company for the West Indies and Spanish America.

### REVIEWS.

*Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office, United States Army.* Authors and Subjects, Vol. VI. Heastie-Insfeldt. Washington, Government Printing-Office, 1885. Pp. 1051.

The sixth volume of this handsomely-printed catalogue completes the work to and beyond the ninth letter of the alphabet, and includes 7900 author-titles, representing 2543 volumes and 7250 pamphlets. It also includes 14,590 subject-titles of separate books and pamphlets, and 35,290 titles of articles in periodicals. The total number of book-titles contained in the six volumes which have appeared is 64,142, and of the journal articles 219,154. In arrangement of matter and general appearance the volume corresponds with former issues of the series, which reflects honor upon American medicine.

*A Complete Pronouncing Medical Dictionary, Embracing the Terminology of Medicine and the Kindred Sciences, with their Signification, Etymology and Pronunciation.* By JOSEPH THOMAS, M.D., LL.D., etc., 1 vol. large 8 vo. pp. 884. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1885.

There has been real need of a work of this kind, and after a careful examination of the manner in which the author has performed his laborious task we have no hesitation in saying that he has succeeded in presenting a medical dictionary, which, for the daily use of the student or the practitioner, is superior to any other in the language. He is especially careful in assigning the derivation of the words, their accents and pronunciation, and their exact meaning according to the usage of the best modern writers. In the preface he explains how extremely difficult at times this is, owing to the absence of any recognized standard of Latin pronunciation or of English spelling, and every editor and lecturer will be prepared to appreciate what he says on these points. Through the assistance of specialists in various branches of medicine and pharmacy he has been able to add all the recent introductions to the phraseology and nomenclature of medicine, surgery, pharmacy, chemistry, and the allied sciences, and in this respect the work stands a long way ahead of any that has yet been issued.

The typographical display of the words and their definitions is exceedingly judicious, and the paper and sizes of type leave nothing to be desired on these heads.