

present any albuminuria or cachexia, and lived in good health until killed for other experiments. After double nephrectomy, without treatment the animals died in four to forty-eight hours; if treated with renal juice they lived from forty-eight hours to four days and more. The implantation of kidneys, whether subcutaneously or in the peritoneal cavity, gave negative results.—*British Medical Journal*.

Miscellaneous.

I WILL not, however, for a moment refuse to recognize the importance of Röntgen's discovery to surgery, as well as to other arts and science. It is a welcome addition to the surgeon's means of diagnosis, but Esmarch's bandage and antiseptics are greater achievements still.—VON BERGMANN.

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WANTED TO LEVY ON THE BABY.—A colored midwife called on a Gallatin, Tenn., physician recently, and said she had "stayed all night with a woman in labor, and the promised fee had not been paid." She wished to know if she had a legal right to take the baby away from its mother and keep it until the bill was forthcoming. The doctor admired her forethought, and thought the theory an ingenious one; but practically it would be a dangerous precedent, as such a custom might become a law, in which case every doctor's home would soon be an orphan asylum.

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A. B. GRIFFITHS, Ph.D., F.R.S. (Edin.), F.C.S., says: "I have made an examination of Stearns' Wine of Cod Liver Oil with Peptonate of Iron. It is an excellent preparation and contains the leucomaines, alkaloids or active principles of Cod Liver Oil with Peptonate of Iron. The alkaloids of Cod Liver Oil were first isolated by my friend Professor Armand Gautier, of Paris; and they are not products of decomposition, as some writers (who know very little about the animal alkaloids) assert, but occur in the fresh liver of the cod, being produced by living cells—in other words, they are true leucomaines. There is no doubt that the alkaloids of Cod Liver Oil are the active principles, as the percentages of iodine and bromine present in the oil are extremely small, and some oils, especially those that are light-colored, contain none of these elements. At most there is but 0.000322 per cent. of iodine present, a quantity which is too small to be of practical benefit. The same may be said of the bromine.