

PURPERAL ECLAMPSIA.—At a recent meeting of the British Gynæcological Society, Dr. Routh recommended that a patient with purperal convulsions should be turned on her belly, with the object of removing pressure from the kidneys.

TYING THE LINGUAL ARTERY WITH THE EYES CLOSED.—Billroth has recently done several operations for cancer of the tongue. A correspondent of the *Iowa State Medical Reporter* says: "The operation, by tying the lingual artery, was nearly bloodless. In order to show the students how easy it was to tie the lingual artery, he found and ligated the same in one case, after making the first incision, without using his eyes."

A PREMIUM FOR LARGE FAMILIES.—A decree was recently enacted in France reaffirming the law of the 29th Nivôse, year XIII., according to which every father of a family having seven living children, may have one of his sons educated at the expense of the State. The object, of course, is to increase the population of the country, and the immediate occasion of the decree was the publication last year of statistics showing a large falling off in the average size of families in France.

A NEW CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.—Dr. Caius, some four hundred years ago, when an old man, tried to regain his youth by suckling the breast of a woman. He died of stone—not of old age, at least. A more successful application of this remedy is reported to us by a correspondent, who says that "a party who had every indication of the last stages of consumption has regained former health, and attributes it to obtaining his nourishment from sucking a healthy nursing woman."—*N. Y. Medical Record.*

WANTS TO KNOW.—A "doctor" from the rural districts writes the *Medical and Surgical Journal* (St. Louis) an account of a wonderful case of intestinal obstruction, which he finally cured by passing a piece of rubber tubing up into the rectum just as long as he could shove it in. He says he "passed nearly two yards of tubing into the reseptic," and excitedly ex-

claims, "What I want to know is there such a thing as the illiasecle valve?" We respectfully refer him to the medical ———, where all such questions are answered.—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*

TO PROTECT SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FROM RUST.—It is stated in the *Dental Eclectic* that a physician was called upon to perform an operation on a farmer who was injured while ploughing in his field, and during the excitement of the occasion mislaid his case of instruments. Some months later they were found in the field. The case had become disjointed and all the instruments were rusty except an amputating knife, the handle of which was secured to the blade with zinc. The appearance of this knife suggested the possibility that galvanic action had prevented it from rusting.—*Technics.*

Dr. W. H. Mussey, of Cincinnati, used to advise his students to have strips of sheets of zinc in their instrument cases in contact with steel instruments to protect the latter from rust.

THE POETRY OF ATTENUATION.—In *The Record* of October 24th appeared the following:—

Little drops of water,
Little grains of milk,
Make the little doctors
Of the homœopathic ilk.

A correspondent from Massachusetts supplements this:

Precious little bottles,
Sitting in a row,
Filled with potent liquid
Known as H₂O.

A drop of Mother Tincture,
Humble though it be,
Makes the tenth dilution
When poured into the sea.

Of all the gulls delusive
The greatest is to know
Where lies the healing power
In a drop of H₂O.

COD LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES.—As a nutrient means of checking and repairing bodily waste, and remedying disease of the throat, chest and lungs, Scott's Emulsion has held a foremost rank among preparations of cod liver oil. The time-honored firm of Scott