

HEGEMAN'S CORDIAL ELIXIRS.—We beg leave to call the attention of the profession to these elegant preparations, made by Hegeman & Co., New York. We have tried their elixir of Calisaya bark, in our own practice, and can speak confidently of its value in all cases of debility, especially where the stomach is in a delicate condition. The bark is deprived of its tannin and coloring matter, and when combined with pyrophosphate of iron, forms not only an agreeable, but a very efficacious tonic and antiperiodic. This firm does not deal in patent medicines in any shape or form, their business being confined to the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations, &c. Samples will be furnished on application.—(See advt.)

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

DETERMINING THE SEX IN UTERO.—Dr. Hutton, (New York Med. Journal,) says that when the foetal pulsations are about 144 the child is a female, when about 124 it is a male. He mentions 7 cases in which he put this rule to the test and in every instance the prediction proved to be correct.

NATURE OF CANCER.—The latest views regarding the nature of Cancer are that it is not at first a constitutional disease, but purely local and that the system subsequently becomes affected by absorption of its elements. Early removal by the knife is therefore strongly recommended, and the subsequent use of caustics to the wound, chloride of Zinc, being the most serviceable.

CHOLERA REMEDY.—*New Remedies* for April, 1872, contains the following cholera prescription, a favorite one of Dr. Hartshorne, of Philadelphia. R. Chloroform, Tinct. opium, Spts. camphor, Spts. ammonia aromatic, aa f 3 iss., Creasoto, gtt. iij., Oil of cinnamon, gtt. viij., Brandy, f 3 ij. Mix. Dilute a teaspoonful with a wine glass of water, and give two teaspoonfuls every five minutes, followed by a lump of ice.

LIQUID NITROUS-OXIDE.—An apparatus has lately been patented in the United States by Johnston Bros., of New York, for holding liquid nitrous-oxide. It consists of an iron cylinder, 12½ inches long by 3 inches in diameter, into which one hundred gallons of the gas is compressed. When wanted for use the gas is drawn off in an india rubber bag provided with an inhaler. The advantages are, the facility with which it can be transported and the greater