

bungled the operation by opening the cornea, and letting the aqueous humour escape. The wonder to us is that the lens, and vitreous humour did not follow. We presume that the medical men called on the trial took the same view as we do, as they all seem to have given their evidence in favour of the plaintiff, and that most righteously. It should be a lesson to him and all others of his stamp, that they should not meddle with matters which they do not fully understand, and possibly the verdict rendered is the best lesson upon the anatomy of the eye, and especially upon that of the cornea, which could be read to the operator.

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"THERE IS NOTHING LIKE LEATHER."

Sir James Murray in the Dublin Medical Press has a paper in which after certain remarks in opposition to the employment of Diluted Alcohol in the preparation of the various Tinctures, observes that his highly carbonated Fluid Magnesia and Camphor would form an admirable substitute. He states that by simple cold infusion, the foregoing liquid is fully capable of extracting the medicinal qualities of roots, leaves, seeds, and even gum resins. All this may be, but we apprehend that Sir James is desirous of obtaining a wider field for his preparations, and thus securing a greater sale.

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TORONTO MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

The Toronto Medico-Chirurgical Society met, after the summer recess, at their rooms in the Temperance Hall, on the 8th October. Dr. Thorburn, Second Vice President, occupied the chair.

It was moved and adopted that the meetings of the Society be held every fortnight instead of monthly, as hitherto. After the despatch of business, a paper was read by Dr. Kerr, on the use of certain Canadian plants in the treatment of diseases of the mucous membranes.

After a general and animated discussion, the meeting broke up.

The first fortnightly meeting of the Society was held in their rooms in the Temperance Hall, on Tuesday, October 22. Dr. Wright, first Vice President, was called to the chair.

The ordinary business of the Society being disposed of, Dr. O'Dea read a paper "On the importance of the part taken by the Kidneys in Scarlatina." A discussion of considerable interest ensued, and the Essayist having received a vote of thanks, the meeting dissolved.

On the 5th November, the Society met again in their rooms. Dr. Wright presided. Dr. Thorburn favoured the members with the notes of a case of Chronic Gastritis, and at length perforation of the stomach, in which death ensued twenty hours after the rupture, from abdominal collapse. After a lively discussion, in which all present took part, the meeting separated.

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

This society we are pleased to observe, still continues its operations with great and unabated vigour. As a proof of the interest, taken in it at a distance, we were much gratified, by receiving from the indefatigable secretary, Dr. Lawson, a short time ago, a list of one hundred and thirteen plants, representative of no less than thirty-seven natural families, a donation to the garden from Prof. Asa Gray, of Harvard College,