

Miscellaneous.

NÆVUS.—Dr. W. J. Beatty (*Brit. Med. Jour.*) has cured eight cases of nævus, perfectly and painlessly, by painting the affected spot night and morning with liquor arsenicalis until ulceration took place. A cure is effected in from three to five weeks.

Careful measurements of 70 human skeletons have shown the lower limbs to be equal in only seven. It appears that a person's legs may differ in length from an eighth of an inch to an inch and five-eighths, without any deformity being recognizable.

The physician who does not know the historical basis and foundations of his science, floats around without helm or compass in the current opinions and treatment of the day. Only the study of history makes him independent and free, by protecting him from a partial enthusiasm for the present as well as from idolatry of the past.—*Baas.*

Scott & Bowne, manufacturing chemists of New York, make a specialty of producing an emulsion of cod liver oil with hypophosphites. Their great care in selecting the oil and in making the combination is amply proven by the high therapeutical value set upon the emulsion by the profession. It is no new remedy but has been steadily growing in demand for a number of years. It is certainly very useful in restoring wasting tissue, and in cases of scrofulous children it acts almost as a specific. They also offer a Buckthorn Cordial which is highly useful in the treatment of constipation.—*Massachusetts Eclectic Med. Journal.*

ALIMENTATION IN DISEASE.—Hand in hand with the medical treatment which is to combat disease goes reconstruction of wasted tissues, and, as meeting the latter requirement, we note that, both in Britain and America, Malt Extract is being more fully appreciated as furnishing at once a vehicle and valuable adjuvant. By general consent of the jury (composed of the best chemists of Europe), at the International Health Exhibition in London, Maltine received the highest award of merit

in this class of preparations. The superiority of this unique preparation consists in its combination of the valuable products of three grains—wheat, oats, and barley. The comparative values of Maltine and the ordinary Malt Extracts are fully set forth in analytical reports by various eminent chemists, which have been collected and published by the Maltine Manufacturing Company (10 Colborne Street, Toronto,) and which may be had on application—as well as samples of their preparation.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR CORNS.—A Berlin gentleman, very much troubled with corns, saw in a paper an advertisement of a certain cure for them, application, inclosing 1 mark 10 pf. in stamps, to be made under cover to A. X., Post Office, Geneva. The gentleman not unnaturally made application, and, in the course of a few days, received the reply, which we have feebly striven to give in English:—

(Have you large corns upon your toes,
So that with pain you sweat, Sir?
Then take a saw and saw off those
On which your corns are set, Sir.)

—*Medical Press.*

A REMARKABLE MOTHER.—A Boston physician was called out of a sound slumber the other night to answer the telephone. "Hello! what is it?" he asked, little pleased at the idea of leaving his comfortable bed. "Baby is crying, doctor; what shall I do?" came across the wire. "Oh! perhaps it's a pin," suggested the doctor, recognizing the voice of a young mother, one of his patients. "No," was the reply, "I'm sure it can't be that." "Perhaps he has the colic," returned the doctor, with well simulated solicitude. "No, I don't think so," replied the anxious mother; "He doesn't act that way." "Well, then, perhaps he is hungry," said the doctor, as a last resort. "Oh! I'll see," came across the wire; and then all was still. The doctor went back to bed and was soon asleep again. About half an hour afterward he was again awakened by the violent ringing of the telephone bell. Jumping out of bed and placing the receiver to his ear, he was cheered by the following message: "You are right, doctor; baby was hungry."—*Chicago Living Church.*