

Les réactifs pour le sublimé corrosif ont été essayés aussi avec des résultats négatifs.

Assurés qu'il n'y avait ni arsenic, ni sublimé corrosif, nous avons procédé à rechercher le phosphore qu'une odeur aliacée très remarquable, sa prompte décomposition à l'air libre donnant des vapeurs blanches épaisses et d'une couleur verdâtre dans l'obscurité, nous avaient presque convaincu de sa présence.

Une partie de la substance suscepte étendue sur une plaque de fer chauffée, brula avec une flamme jaune accompagnée d'une fumée blanche, et au milieu on apercevait des points lumineux.

Un mélange avec le nitrate d'argent liquide passa d'abord à une couleur rouge et ensuite au noir.

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Women usually remain in the Maternité 12 days, at the end of which, they leave, carrying the infant with them. If it be the offspring of an unhallowed passion, it is placed either by its mother, or the institution she has just left, in

*L'Hospice des enfants trouvés et orphelins.*

Hospitals for foundlings are decidedly of ecclesiastical origin, and to a Bishop of Paris is due the credit (according to some) or discredit (according to others) of having founded an establishment for the protection of the innocent (according to the former) or for the encouragement of crime (according to the latter).

It was long ago the custom to place a large basket or cradle in the cathedral of Paris, in which were laid the children of unknown parents, whose helpless condition was well calculated to appeal to the charity of the faithful—hence the name “the poor foundlings of Notre Dame.” They were afterwards confided to the care of persons who discharged the duties of mother and nurse, neither, it is to be believed, efficiently, for they were frequently *relet* to others, and in many cases actually *sold* to nurses who having had the care of children had lost them, and thus the child of shame has, there are grounds for believing, been introduced into the halls of the opulent and the proud to share their honor and to bear their name. Many, on the other hand, were sold to mountebanks and others of that caste, who, by mutilating and otherwise disfiguring