

### To Correspondents.

X.—A Troy pound has 12 oz., which are equal to 12 oz. 72j grains Avoirdupois.

An Avoirdupois pound has 16 oz., and is 14j oz. 2 scruples Troy weight. It is the one used in buying and selling.

A Troy ounce is 42j grains more than an Avoirdupois oz. The London, Edinburgh, and United States Pharmacopœias direct Troy, and the Dublin, Avoirdupois weights to be used in mixing their remedies.

Dublin weights.—12j grains =  $\text{ʒi}$ ; 8 scruple  $\text{ʒi}$ ; 8 drachms 1 oz.; 16 oz. 1 lb.

When the word grain is used, it means the Troy grain, as there is no other.

Medicines are compounded in all medical works by the Troy pound and its divisions; except in those printed in Ireland, where the Avoirdupois pound would be meant.

In all other books or newspapers printed in the English language, unless directly copied from a medical work, we are to understand that it is the Avoirdupois pound and its divisions that is intended; excepting when it relates to precious metals or gems.

SPIRITS OF AMMONIA.—We do not distil, but prepare it by adding 1 fluid oz. of the strongest liquor ammonia to 10 oz. alcohol.

And for the AROMATIC SPIRITS, we take of—  
Oils Lemon and Lavender, each a drachta and a half.  
Oils, Cloves, Cinnamon, and Rosemary, each half a half.

Alcohol 1 pint (16 oz.); mix well and add—  
Strongest liquor Ammonia, 1 fluid ounces.  
Doses of both 10 to 20 drops in sweet-nod water.

H. T.—Percoric acid for the preparation of chlorodyne can be obtained at the Druggists in this city; its price is 2s. per fluid oz.

**Chloroform**—The surgeons in the Montreal General Hospital always measure the chloroform, giving one fluid drachm, at first, and repeating it in obstinate cases; otherwise, they continue with half-drachm inhalations, until the patient is fully under its influence. In the Hotel Dieu Hospital the chloroform is not measured, but from one to two drachms is guessed at, at first, and a less quantity employed afterwards. Both hospitals use a folded towel pinned together in the form of a cone.

**Student**.—Port wine enemata in post partum hemorrhage is not new. It was recommended as long ago as 1853, by Dr. Williams, who had employed it with decided benefit, even in cases of the most alarming state of prostration. He injects four ounces of Port wine, with 20 drops Tr. Opium, and repeats it in half an hour if necessary.

F.—The acute Pectoral Mixture so largely employed in the Montreal General Hospital, is prepared as follows:—  
ʒj. Nitrate of Potash, 4 oz. Vinegar of Squills, 4 oz. Paregoric, 12 grs. Tartarized Antimony, and ʒj spirits water. Dose a tablespoonful when the cough is troublesome. It is an excellent and cheap remedy.

The Chronic Pectoral Mixture is made in the same manner, leaving out the Tartarized Antimony.

**Shining Powder** for coating copper. Nitrate of silver, 30 grains, common salt 30 grains, Cream of Tartar ʒj drachms; mix. Moisten with water and apply.

A list of the most important Medical Works published in Great Britain, from June to December, 1863, with their sizes, numbers of pages, publishers' names, and their prices in sterling.

Bigg, H. H. On Deformities. Part 2nd. The Spine and upper extremities. Post 8vo. pp. 212, Churchill, 4s 6d.  
Chance, E. J. On Deformities, their nature, causes and treatment. Part 1st. Post 8vo. pp. 230, Lemare, 12s. 6d.  
Haverson, S. O. Diseases of the Abdomen, 2nd edition. 8vo. pp. 610, Churchill, 14s.

Pavy, F. W. Diabetes, its nature, and treatment. 8vo., pp. 210, Churchill, 8s. 6d.

Smith, H. Hemorrhoids, and Prolapsus of the Rectum, 3rd edition, 12 mo. pp. 142, Churchill, 3s.

Tilt, E. J. On Uterine and Ovarian Inflammation, and Menstruation, 3rd edition. 8vo. pp. 490, Churchill, 12s.

Ashton, T. J. Prolapsus, Fistula in Ano, and Hemorrhoidal Affections. Post 8vo. pp. 182, Churchill, 2s. 6d.

Brown, J. B. On Ovarian Dropsy. Post 8vo. pp. 300, Davies, 7s.

Ryan, W. B. On Intoxicatio, its law, prevalence, prevention, and history. 12mo. pp. 263, Churchill, 6s.

Althaus, J. The Spa Waters of Europe, their analyses and uses. 8vo. pp. 464, Fisher, 12s.

Davy, John. On some of the most important diseases of the Army. 8vo, Williams & N., 15s.

Gardner, W. T. Clinical Medicine. Post 8vo. pp. 750, Hamilton, 12s. 6d.

Holmes, T. Surgery by various authors, vol. 3. 8vo. pp. 916, Parker & Son, 24s.

Murphy, E. W. Principles and Practice of Midwifery, 2nd edition. Post 8vo. pp. 740, Walton, 12s. 6d.

Tanner, T. H. Memoranda on Puerperia, 2nd edition. 8vo. pp. 112, Henshaw, 2s.

Hughes, James. Contributions to Practical Medicine. 8vo. pp. 329, Longman, 10s. 6d.

Mapother, F. D. Physiology, and its aids to the study and treatment of Disease. 12mo. pp. 400, Longman, 9s.

Bowman, J. K. Handbook of Medical Chemistry, 4th edition, edited by C. L. Hoxam. 12mo. Churchill, 6s. 6d.

Brande, W. T. & Taylor. Alfred Swayne. Chemistry of Practical Toxicology. 12mo. pp. 824, J. W. Davies, 12s. 6d.

Chambers, T. K. Clinical Lectures on the restorative system in Medicine. Post 8vo. pp. 430, Churchill, 4s. 6d.

Fuller H. W. On Diseases of the Lungs, Heart, and Great Vessels. 8vo. pp. 700, 12s. 6d.

Meyne, R. G. Medical Vocabulary, 2nd edition. 12mo. pp. 430, 5s. 6d.

Turck, L. On Diseases of the Larynx and Laryngoscopia. 8vo, Williams, & N., 3s.

Twoledge, A. On the pathology and treatment of continued Fevers. 8vo. pp. 312, Churchill, 12s.

West, R. N. Illustrations of Puerperal Diseases, 2nd edition. Post 8vo. pp. 210, Churchill, 5s.

Wilson, Erasmus. Diseases of the skin, 5th edition. 8vo. Churchill, 10s. (with plates, 34s.)

Gordon, C. A. China from a Medical point of view. 8vo. pp. 470, Churchill, 10s. 6d.

Lawrence, W. Lectures on Surgery, St. Bartholomew's Hospital. 8vo. pp. 642, 16s.

Vol. 45, Medico-Chirurgical Transactions. 8vo. pp. 560, Longman, 10s.

Murchison, C. The Continued Fevers of Great Britain. 8vo. 640, Parker & Son, 14s.

Water, A. T. On Emphysema of the Lungs. 8vo. pp. 120, Churchill, 5s.

Braithwaite, W. Retrospect of Medicine, vols. 45 & 46. 12mo. Simpkin, 6s.

Rankin & Radcliffe. Half yearly Abstract, vols. 85 & 86. Post 8vo. pp. 379, Churchill, 4s. 6d.

A complete list of Books issued during the month of January, and first half of February, 1863.

Braithwaite, W. & J. Retrospect of Midwifery. 12mo. Simpkin, 2s. 6d.

Chambers, T. K. Renewal of Life, Clinical Lectures, 2nd edition. Post 8vo. pp. 424, Churchill, 6s. 6d.

Curling, T. R. On Diseases of the Rectum, 3rd edition. 8vo. pp. 240, Churchill, 7s. 6d.

Garrod, A. B. On Gout and Rheumatic Gout, 2nd edition. Post 8vo. pp. 636, Walton, 15s.

Lee, Henry. On Syphilis inoculations, 2nd edition, coloured plates. 8vo. pp. 333, Churchill, 10s.

Callender, G. W. Anatomy of Femoral Rupture. 8vo. pp. 58, Churchill, 4s.

Chavasse, F. H. Advice to a wife on her own health. 8vo. pp. 192, Churchill, 2s. 6d.

Yearley, James. Deafness, its nature, cause, and treatment, 6th edit. 8vo. pp. 320, Churchill, 6s.

### BIRTHS.

At 37 Temperance Street, Toronto, on the 13th ult., the wife of Dr. Watson, of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

On the 28th ult. by the Rev. E. Flood, M. A., Rector of Christ Church, Delaware, at the residence of the bride's father, Chas. D. Tufford, Esq., M. D., of Mount Vernon, C. W., to Eliza Evelyn, third daughter of Colonel B. Springs, Delaware.

On the 29th ultimo, at the residence of the bride's father, Maple Hill, John Hurch, M. D., of Brucefield, to Vesta, youngest daughter of L. Fowler, Esq., of Mingal, County of Elgin, C. W.

In this city, on the 19th inst. by the Rev. Dr. Taylor, M. A. T. T. Wells, to Elizabeth Jane, oldest daughter of R. & McAdam, Esq., M. D., of Rawdon, C. E.

### DEATH.

At St. Martin, Isle Jesus, on the 27th inst., of our country, Rachel Rose de Lima, aged 22 months; only daughter of Joseph, Charles Pottvin, Esq., M. D.

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