

## THE ICE-BOATS.

When a man finds that he has been suddenly stricken down, and rendered insensible through a blow from an ice-boat, and on recovering consciousness, discovers that one of his legs has been broken in two places, *he* at least is likely to be of opinion that it is time such boats were required to be provided with a whistle, and that in the event of accident occurring through neglect to use it, the offence should be rendered penal.

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### "WHICH ARE THE APES, AND WHICH ARE THE PEACOCKS?"

Some such enquiry as the above, is said to have been made by certain children, when visiting a travelling menagerie; to which the accommodating showman is said to have replied—"Whichever you please, my little dears, you pay your money, and you take your *choice*." That august body, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, (and similar Colleges throughout the globe) would appear to be no less accommodating than the showman of the menagerie, inasmuch as the medical apes and peacocks whom they license to practise, differ from each other in their principles as widely as do the specimens of natural history; the daily slaughter of the innocents is a necessary consequence.

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### CHLOROFORM.

We know a physician of this city, who was administering chloroform to a patient, prior to an intended operation; the physician was surrounded by students at the time, and was dilating on the treatment of the case, when he appears to have thought it worth while to look at the patient; he discovered, on looking at the sufferer, that his aid was no longer needed, and was content with the remark that "such things will happen; send for another."

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### INFLAMMATION OF THE BOWELS.

When inflammation of the bowels arises from any obstruction therein, such obstruction can be easily removed by the aid of a syringe; strange to say castor oil, and Castile soap, beaten up in warm water, can be successfully applied without the aid of a physician. A syringe can be obtained at any druggist's.

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### THREE DAYS IN BED, AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

A gentleman who has seen more than sixty summers, sought, and we may presume obtained "the best advice" for his malady; the advice was that he should keep his bed for three days, after the expiration of which, that priest of nature styled his physician, undertook to visit him again; medicine was of course administered during these three days, and it would be a matter of some interest to ascertain the nature of it; for when the doctor called according to promise, his patient enquired as to the nature of his disorder; the doctor, with some hesitation remarked that had his patient been a young man, he should have pronounced it to have been *measles*, but under existing circumstances he did not know the nature of it. If his patient had died during those three days, the doctor perhaps would have resorted to a *pos' mortem* in order to register the cause of death, and *perhaps he wouldn't*.

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### OPENING LECTURE, BELLEVUE COLLEGE, NEW YORK.

The President of the above-named College, in delivering his opening address, some time ago, when a friend of the writer was present, described to the students the result of an experiment which the physicians of the College had made, in rela-