

## Medical Items.

URINE FOR INSECT STINGS.—Dr. Terry, in *Dietetic Gazette*, says that fresh urine, freely applied, is the best remedy for stings of hornets, bees, and other insects. Wet cloths with it and apply until the pain ceases. The doctor thinks that the urea contained in the urine is the chemical antidote to the poison. How would this do for snake-bite also?—*Medical World*.

FINANCIAL LOSSES OF SIR JOSEPH LISTER.—Every member of the profession will be sorry to hear that Sir Joseph Lister has, through the bankruptcy of John Taylor, a well-known London stock-broker, lost upwards of eighteen thousand pounds. It appears that Sir Joseph Lister had entrusted Mr. Taylor with the money to invest in securities, instead of doing which he applied it to his own purposes.—*Hospital Gazette*.

AN OBSTETRICIAN'S LIBERALITY.—Professor Tarnier, the celebrated French obstetrician, has given a practical expression to his grief at the diminishing natality of his race, and has promised one hundred francs to every family at Arc-sur-Fille, the village which had the honor of giving him birth, which shall have contributed an infant to the population of France during the year 1892. This is a novel way of inducing married people to fulfil their rôle in nature, but they cannot complain of not having had sufficient notice.

—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania held May 21st, Dr. Pepper made an offer of \$50,000 toward an endowment fund of \$250,000, and of \$1,000 annually towards a guarantee fund of \$20,000 annually for five years, conditioned upon the establishment of an obligatory graded four-year course of medical study. This was accompanied by a communication from the Medical Faculty pledging themselves to carry out this proposal, and to enter upon the four-year course in September, 1893.

—Sir Wm. Dalby sounds a timely note of warning in reference to "Bubble" Remedies in Aural Surgery. Under this heading