

like Othello's, their occupation's gone. No more was the pathologist to allay his morbid appetite with the thousand and one deadly victories that the once triumphant foe anywhere and everywhere achieved. The lecturer could now replace his multitudinous and inexhaustible discourses by a few happy words, sententious and practical, and afford a profitable airing to the non-phlogistic specialities which the one absorbing idea or act had always asphyxiated. In short the lofty castle of cards, we were hitherto heaping up, now disappeared before the mystic little powder of the undoubted magician. The salt was a secret, an American practitioner, a Dr. Cogswell, made it, and supplied it at two dollars a box,—enough to cure the inflammation in a battalion of the sick. But alas, the ruthless analyst, has changed the spirit of the dream. Our attention is again directed to the subject. The salt has been proved to be bicarbonate of potass. Can it be so? or may not the same mystician before claimed for its nature have given its solid outward particles the characters of the bicarbonate, to deceive the daring mind of the presumptuous investigator? Let Dr. Cogswell answer,—our part is done.

LECTURES ON BOTANY.—A short course of lectures will be delivered during the ensuing session, by Dr. Barnston of this city, as lecturer on this branch, in connection with the course of Natural History, McGill College, by Mr. Principal Dawson. Hereafter, pupils beginning their studies, we believe, after May 1857, will be required to attend one course of Botany before graduating. They, however, will not be required to submit to any examination upon this branch. The examinations for M.D. will remain as they are, and be without extension. The fee for attendance will be as for the Natural History course.

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FOR the fifth time in my life I saw amputation at the hip joint performed on the 28th March, by Mr. Stanley, at Bartholomew's Hospital, before an immense number of anxious spectators. It was not done in the usual brilliant manner by transfixion, which particularly struck my eye years before, when performed on the dead body during surgical demonstrations by my old teacher and friend Professor Campbell, of McGill College. The nature of the disease precluded transfixion in the present instance, as a large medullary tumour occupied the whole upper