

74 cases selected, it was found impossible to carry out the intentions of the operator in 23 ; or, in other words, the diagnosis was not sufficiently accurate to enable the surgeon to foresee the impracticability of carrying out his intentions. Of these 23 cases, 13 recovered with life, to remain in *statu quo* ; 10 died. The cause of failure was impossibility of removing the tumor, on account of adhesions, in 14 cases ; no tumor was found in 3 cases ; and the tumor proved to be other than ovarian in 6 instances.—*London Medical Times*.

THE EFFECTS OF ANTIMONY ON INFANTS.

Mr. Wilton, in the *Provincial Medical Journal*, gives the details of several cases, in which antimony, exhibited internally to children, caused excessive depression and exhaustion, and in two cases a fatal termination. The principal *post-mortem* appearance was an exceedingly ex-sanguineous condition of every part of the body. Mr. Wilton observes that antimony is a dangerous remedy for children, and always requires caution and observation in its use. To the truth of this remark we can add our testimony.—*London Medical Times, and Boston Medical Gazette*.

POISONING BY ARSENIC.

M. Grimaud, a chemist at Poitiers, has proposed a mode of rendering poisoning by arsenic more difficult. He recommends that this article shall be sold when mixed with a certain quantity of sulphate of iron and cyanuret of potash. About one per cent of each substance would, he alleges, be sufficient. The arsenic, thus qualified, shows itself either by color or smell, when used in the various aliments fit for man. Thus, arsenic prepared in this way, and thrown into warm meat soup, gives immediately a green bronze color ; into hot milk, an opal ; into red wine, a violet ; into bread, a deep blue ; and so on for twenty mixtures, on which M. Grimaud has made experiments.—*Galvani's Messenger and Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*.

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