

Miscellaneous.

Dr. Edouard Seguin the elder, the distinguished writer and specialist in idiocy and allied nervous disorders, died in New York city on the 28th October, aged sixty-nine.

TREATMENT OF GOITRE.—Dr. Stevens, of Quebec, reports seven cases of goitre cured by the chloride of ammonium. Six were girls under twenty years of age, and one a married woman aged forty. The dose given was ten grains three times a day, the tumors entirely disappearing at the end of three months.

CURABILITY OF SYPHILIS.—Fournier said of syphilis, "The diathesis is a period of health interrupted by explosions of the disease." Cazenave said, "One does not recover from the syphilitic diathesis, but lives with it as with the lymphatic temperament;" and an older writer observed that syphilis strikes with its victims "a truce oftener than a peace."—*Exchange.*

REMARKABLE TOLERANCE OF OPIUM.—A case of diffuse puerperal peritonitis is reported by Dr. F. M. Welles, of New York, in which morphia was given for the first time on May 1st (one-fourth of a grain), and increased daily till on May 10th fifty-seven and a half grains were administered. The dose was then gradually decreased. Patient recovered.—*American Jour. of Obstet.*

THE FLAVOUR OF MEAT.—M. Monclar, a noted agriculturist in France, has suggested a singular plan for varying the flavour of meat. He imagines that by feeding cattle, sheep, pigs, and poultry in a particular way, or rather by flavouring their food in various ways, their flesh may be rendered much more agreeable to the palate than it often is; and there can be no doubt that he is substantially right. Thus, for instance, it is well known that poultry which have been fattened upon food containing a slight admixture of chopped truffles are far better eating than those chickens which have been stuffed or larded with truffles after they are killed. It is only natural that such should be the case, for the fla-

vour of the truffle that is consumed by the chicken permeates the whole system, which it cannot do when simply placed in the carcass. M. Monclar instances cases in which hares killed in a wormwood field, larks shot in a cabbage-field, and eggs laid by hens that had eaten diseased silk-worms, had such a nauseous taste that no one could touch them; while on the other hand some ducks and fieldfares which had fed on sprigs of juniper had a delicious flavour. He has made several experiments—among others, three upon tame rabbits, which he fed with the waste of anise-seed, with barley and bran containing a slight flavouring of juniper, and with barley and bran containing a little essence of thyme. In each case he found that the flesh of these animals was far better eating than that of rabbits fattened in the ordinary way, and yet that there was no trace of anise-seed or juniper in the taste. His conclusion is that cattle, sheep, and pigs might be fed in the same way, and that by varying the flavouring matter the beef, mutton, and pork might be made to have several different tastes.—*Sanitarian.*

[The miserable flavour of swill-fattened beef, the fishy flavour of hogs that have fed on fish, and the same flavour in the eggs of many water-fowls are demonstrations of the above. The delicacy of the canvas-back duck is due to its wild-celery food, and onions give their flavour to fowls' flesh as they do to cow's milk.—*Eds.*]

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTH.

At 93 Brock Street, on the 28th ult., the wife of E. W. Spragge, Esq., M.R.C.S., of a daughter.

MARRIED.

On the 4th Nov., at the bride's home, by the Rev. Robt. Holmes, assisted by the Rev. Joseph Charlton, James I. Northrup, M.D., Hubberstone, Mich., to Mary E. Powers, of Malahide.

On the 10th Nov., at the residence of the bride's mother, 8 Parliament street, by Professor Gregg, James P. Rankin, M.D., Tavistock, to Minnie, youngest daughter of the late John McKee, Toronto.

On the 17th Nov., at Southampton, by the Rev. Peter Foy, M.A., rector of St. Paul's Church, H. H. Moorhouse, Esq., M.D., Toronto, to Sidney C., only daughter of the late Bagot Thorp, Esq., M.D., late of Haywood, Manchester, England.

DEATHS.

At Smithville, on Nov. 2nd, Eveline, daughter of J. W. Considine, M.D., Port Dalhousie.

In St. Thomas, on Nov. 8th, Henry, father of Dr. VanBuskirk, aged 84.

On Tuesday, the 23rd Nov., at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Greenlees, 250 Victoria street, Mrs. Louisa Sully Grace, eldest daughter of the late Richard Sully, Esq., of London, Ont., in the 52nd year of her age.