

aids which science has placed in his hands ; his constant care must now be given to learning the methods by which disease is met, whether by the physician or the surgeon and, in short, "clinical" study must now have his chief attention. To a student who knows his anatomy dislocations and fractures are easily understood and remembered; the man who has an intelligent conception of brain function, even as now known, and has handled an atheromatous artery or a roughened valve in the deadhouse, is easily taught the leading features in a case of apoplexy, and a knowledge of therapeutics at once indicates the appropriate treatment. It is impossible to make an accurate division of the curriculum such as has here been sketched ; there must be considerable overlapping of subjects. But the spirit of the method should be conserved, and the result will be less of the perpetual cram and more of the genuine reflection which is characteristic of the cultured student.—*Lancet*.

The Polyclinic: Not the first time, by twenty centuries ! The following is in the *Medical Times and Gazette*, of April 7th, 1883, taken from the *Lyon Méd.* : "The little son of my porter having fallen ill, I enquired about him, and learned that he was being attended by a doctor living a long way off, although one resides on the premises. Expressing my surprise, the father said, 'Well, what is to be done. M—is, perhaps, a good doctor, but I have no confidence in him.' How so? 'Why, you see,' replied the porter lowering his voice, 'He gives advice gratis.'"

The following, from the Talmud, is more terse: 'Asya bim'gan bim'gan shaveh, 'which is Arabaic, and being interpreted; meaneth 'The physician who cures for nothing is worth nothing. Similarly, in 'King Lear' we have:—

"'Kent. This is nothing, fool.'

"'Fool, Then 'tis like the voice of an unfee'd lawyer.'"

AUNT TOWZER is delighted to hear that the Princess Beatrice has got cured of her rheumatism by her visit to Aches les Pains. "Not as I can make it out," said the dear old lady reflectively, "seeing as them as goes to the bad generally goes to the *douche*."—*Funny Folks*.

ONE Dr. Basso, who had presented himself at Pensacola, for the purpose of curing yellow fever with a nostrum was attacked by the disease and died in two days.

A Boston clergyman, in his Fast Day sermon, made use of the following expression in the course of remarks on the arts of the demagogue: "But what cares the declaimer save to get the clap and persuade the ignorant who pin their faith on his sleeve." A contemporary suggests in such connection that rhetorical boldness in the use of figurative expressions should be chastened by a reasonable familiarity with technical or colloquial terms. According to Webster, clap signifies a striking together of the hands to signify approbation, but as a colloquialism it means something reference to which is not strictly proper in the pulpit.

A PROFESSOR was examining a medical student in physiology once upon a time, and the young man being nervous, failed utterly to answer the first question put to him, which was a very simple one. "Bring this gentleman a bundle of hay for his breakfast," remarked the disgusted professor to one of the attendants. "Bring two—the professor and I will breakfast together," added the student, who had suddenly regained and asserted his self-possession.—*New. Eng. Med. Monthly*.

THE *Indiana Medical Journal* relates the following compliment paid Dr. Ferry by an Irishman, who credited the doctor with saving his life: "You see, sur, I had a complication of diseases, an' two other doctors did be working on me for some time, an' I was in a mighty bad way, an' the two doctors they gave me up an' wint away, an' thin me friends they sint for Dr. Ferry, but he had another engagement an' didn't come."

A CERTAIN physician used to say in his lectures on croup: Gentlemen! if you have a case of true membranous croup—and it gets well—it's not croup.

Birth.

RYERSON.—On October 21st, the wife of G. S. Ryerson, M.D., of a son.

SUTHERLAND.—On October 9th, at Winnipeg Man., the wife of Dr. Sutherland, of a daughter.

Married.

BRYSON—LOGAN.—On Monday, October 1st, Port Hope, W. G. Bryson, M.D., of Port Arthur to Eliza Caroline, second daughter of the late John Logan, of Hamilton.

SPENCER—MICKLE.—On Wednesday, October 31st, Bertram Spencer, M.D., of Toronto, to Edith, fifth daughter of the late Chas. Mickie, of Guelph.