

ments on the lower animals has supplied us with most of our knowledge respecting the action of medical agents on the healthy organism. Fallacies may readily creep into both these methods of investigation, and it is evident how the clinical method may be hampered by our want of full knowledge of the natural history of disease." Dr. Farquharson shows the objects in view in prescribing, in the combination of medicines, and points out the faults which frequently occur. The work contains a large collection of prescriptions appropriately arranged according to effect. We have derived much pleasure from a perusal of this work, and would strongly recommend it to practitioners and students.

WYETH'S DIALYSED IRON, BY LUNSFORD P. YANDELL, M.D. Professor of Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine in the University of Louisville.

"A year since, when Dialysed Iron was a novelty, I commended it in the *News*, as a most valuable addition to the *Materi Medica*. Twelve months of additional experience have confirmed my faith in its excellence. The object of this note is to call attention to the great variety of *spurious* preparations sold under the name of Dialysed Iron. Some of these were manufactured here, but most of them were made elsewhere. Genuine Dialysed Iron is nearly tasteless. It has the faintest possible saline flavor and a mere suspicion of roughness. Slightly diluted, its taste recalls that of fresh blood. It is not in the least unpleasant, and does not blacken the teeth or tongue. It seldom or never produces any gastric disturbance or headache, and very rarely constipation. It is exceedingly reliable and rapid as a tonic.

"The *spurious* forms of this drug are without the characteristics of taste and efficacy above enumerated, and chemical analysis readily detects their deficiencies. One of the *spurious* specimens before alluded to, was little less unpleasant than the Tincture of Muriate of Iron, another was excessively acid, another was decidedly saline, another was exceedingly astringent, another was sweetish, another was bitter, and another was seemingly only colored water; another more nearly approached correctness, but only a single specimen possessed the peculiarities of the true article.

"My attention was first directed to this matter through the failure or misbehavior of the Dialysed Iron in practice. It is but just to say that the good specimen is from Wyeth & Brother, the original manufacturers of this medicine in America. Wyeth's Dialysed Iron sells at about a dollar a pound. Other makers may be bought at fifty cents."

TRAUMATIC HERNIA OF THE LUNG; LIGATURE AND EXCISION; RECOVERY.—A man, aged 24, received a stab wound in the ninth intercostal space (left), penetrating the pleural cavity, with slow and

small pulse. No vesicular respiration at the base of spiration and coughing did not affect its volume nor form. Ligature applied and tumor cut off. The wound healed in 28 days. Seven months later there was no trace of the lesion beyond the cicatrix in the skin. M. Cauvy, who reported the case, considers this accident a fortunate complication of penetrating wounds of the thorax. It prevents bleeding, and the entrance of air, and transforms a penetrating into a non-penetrating wound. Fatal consequences have followed the reduction of the lung. Ligature and excision effect a more prompt cure than an expectant method of treatment.—*Gaz. Hebd.*, 1878, No. 8.—*N. Y. Med. Journal*.

NEW REMEDY.—It seems as though Australia is to give us another valuable medicine besides that derived from the Eucalyptus tree. The leaves of the so-called cork wood (*Du'rcisia myoporoides*) yield a powerful extract similar in its action to atropine and belladonna, but more speedy and energetic. In New South Wales and Queensland, where these properties have recently been developed by experimentation upon animals, the new drug is already considerably used in place of atropine.

BLACK LIST.—'Black list' is proposed to be prepared by the physicians of Toronto & Hamilton to protect them from that class of persons who, though able to pay, go about from one to another, getting the services of each as long as possible without paying. It is proposed to report the names of such people, by printed lists and a copy will be supplied to each physician, for mutual protection.

REMEDY FOR SEA-SICKNESS.—A new remedy is said to have been discovered for sea-sickness, viz.; apomorphia, a very small dose of which taken once an hour in water will remove the qualms. It is also said to be useful for beasts, the suffering of which are often extreme.

SPECIAL EXAMINATION, COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, ONTARIO.—The following gentlemen passed before the special examiners appointed by the council at its late meeting, viz.: Drs. Comford, Ryerson, Nevitt & Bomberry.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. F. G. Slack, M.D., has been appointed Prof. of Surgery, and Dr. Armstrong Lecturer on Anatomy, in Bishops College medical School, Montreal.

### Births, Marriages, Deaths.

At Harriston, on the 6th of June, the wife of S. M. Henry, M.D., of a son.

In Toronto, on the — of June, the wife of E. J. Barrick, M.D., of a son.