

New use of Gutta-percha.—M. Manoury, of Chartres, has announced some new preparations of gutta-percha which promise valuable practical results, consisting of the intimate mixture of different forms of caustic with that article, such as chloride of zinc, potassa, arsenic, &c., &c., of which there are three kinds. 1. Firm caustic plates, which are tenacious, and unchanged by the tissues, and which can be cut into any shape that may be desired; 2. Cylinders which can be carried in a porte-caustique, and which can take the place of sticks of nitrate of silver; 3. Threads for the purpose of removing certain tumors by strangulation and cauterization at the same time. He also combines gutta-percha with metallic powders, such as those of iron, copper, red sulphuret of mercury, iodide of lead, &c., Thin plates of this preparation are softened by boiling water or by gentle heat, and applied upon ulcerated surfaces, hospital gangrene, &c., Cancerous tumours have been successfully removed by the threads of gutta-percha and chloride of zinc.

Return of the Secretion of Milk after Weaning.—M. Gubler, Chef de Clinique of the Faculty of Paris, has published four cases in the *Gazette des Hopitaux*, which show that milk may return to the breasts after a longer period when a child has been weaned, than is generally supposed. Three occurred in the Necker Hospital, under the care of M. Trousseau. The milk returned in the first case after a suspension of nursing for two months; in the second, after one month; and in the third, after four months had elapsed. In a fourth case, in the city, the secretion returned after a discontinuance of nursing for two months. In the first three cases, the children returned to the breasts without any trouble; in the fourth case, the child showed aversion to it for two days; but all other food was refused, and it yielded. In one of the cases, the menses had returned a few days before. These facts should afford encouragement in cases when the child is suffering from want of its natural food, and a wet nurse cannot be obtained; or, when there is great anxiety on the part of the mother to have the child restored to the breasts.

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MEDICAL CORONERS.

As Mr. Coursol's acceptance of the Police Magistracy of the city has created a vacancy in the Coronership, which he so ably filled, and as we have not yet heard whom the authorities intend to name as his successor, we propose advocating the appointment of a member of the medical profession to this important office. If the question of peculiar fitness were the only one entertained in making the appointment of Coroner; if, instead of being made, as it too frequently is, a sop to satisfy