

MEDICAL NEWS.

From various parts of England there is evidence that the Adulteration Act is being rigidly enforced. A batch of shopkeepers in Newcastle were charged lately with selling adulterated milk, and a conviction, accompanied by a fine, was obtained in each case.

According to the report of the Amazon Exploring Commission, it is common to find on the Amazon children of three years of age smoking, and "not averse to run." Adults and children are given up to the filthy habit of geophagia, or dirt-eating, a practice productive of innumerable physical evils. Malarious fever is prevalent on both banks of the river.

Hospital Sunday in Birmingham has this year been more than usually successful. A larger sum has come in already than has ever before been received so soon after the day of collection, and it is estimated that the minor charities of Birmingham, which this year receive the funds collected, will have at least 5200 pounds divided amongst them.

Professor Palmieri, director of the observatory of Mount Vesuvius, has constructed for the Empress of Russia a metallic thermometer, which gives a signal at every change of temperature. The apparatus is so sensitive that the indicator is almost always moving. When the variations of temperature reach a certain degree, little bells begin to ring, and notice is thus given of the rising and falling of the mercury. The instrument also marks the highest and lowest degrees of temperature which have taken place during a certain period.

Dr. Nelaton, on the night before his death, said to his son, "Do as much good as you can in life,—above all, without noise." The first phrase in his will is thus written: "I desire that my wife shall bring up my son to respect religion, honour, and work." His codicil expressly requested that no discourse should be pronounced over his tomb, and that the funeral should be as simple as possible. By taste, and somewhat through vanity, he avoided a display of instruments in his operations; he called it "surgery with a big orchestra." He had a small, dry hand, with pointed fingers and a long thumb. This hand was his principal instrument. His coolness equalled his dexterity. "When you have a correct diagnosis, you know where you are going, and you don't risk anything," said he. One day, after homoeopathy had secured a foothold in France, a doctor of that school, rubbing his hands with exultation, said to Nelaton, "You see, we are gaining ground every day." "Yes, in the cemeteries," added he. The Emperor said to him, when he cured his son in 1867, "I thank you, Monsieur Nelaton; you have saved my son." "I am glad of it, sire," was his answer, "for I have at the same time saved my reputation." Dupuytren, the greatest genius in the science of surgery of modern times, was his master. The pupil did not equal his master, but he had a greater number of clients among distinguished people. He was a hard worker, and gifted with a rare intelligence. He possessed, too, a certain talent for elocution which tempted him to compete for the professorship of the surgical clinic. He failed the first time, in 1850, but the second time, in 1851, he won, and the occasion was memorable on account of the number and character of his competitors. The faculty of the college had reason to congratulate itself on having attached him to the institution. His teaching was brilliant, and he drew around him a numerous following of studious young men. His successes in the hospital, the certainty and the precision of his diagnosis, his sure judgment and astonishing dexterity, all joined to much gentleness of manner towards patients, soon created for him great reputation. He became the surgeon of Louis Napoleon; extracted the ball from Garibaldi's foot,—the story of which is now legendary,—and honours reached him from all sides. Clients came to him in such numbers that he was obliged to give up his professorship. Soon after he was made Senator and Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, Royer, Michael Levy, and Ricord being the only other physicians who have received this honourable distinction.

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