

rieties. There are curiosities, however, to which the medical portion of the public attach greater interest, namely, the instruments, &c., that Larrey used in the campaign. The trophies that he brought back with him bear evidence of the scenes he witnessed, while there exists abundant proof of the unbounded fertility of his genius, in the rude contrivances to which he was often compelled to resort on the field of battle.

The hospital can be made to accommodate 4000 soldiers. Previous to 1850, students were educated in the Val-de-Grâce for the army, but since that period, none but physicians are allowed to attend, who are compelled to pass a year there *en service* before entering the army. The mortality in the Val-de-Grâce averages about 1 in 34, and about 220 deaths occur during the year.

The chirurgien *en chef* is M. Larrey, son of the late Baron. In Larrey we meet with a true representative of a class of persons, now uncommonly rare—*un vrai Français du bon vieux temps*—quiet, graceful; exceedingly and really polite—paying due attention to, and courting the opinions of others, and advancing his own without ostentation. He is far from being a dexterous operator, and *on dit* that he inherits the powers of application, though not the talent, of his father. Admission is granted to this hospital but once a week; M. Larrey, however, can, at his discretion, furnish a *carte d'entrée* at any time, and it seemingly affords him great pleasure to do so.

**HOPITAL MILITAIRE DU ROULE.**—The site of this hospital, (Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré,) is that on which formerly stood the stables of the family d'Artois; but whether for a stable or an hospital, the situation is unexceptionable. It is composed of a series of buildings, forming a hollow square, a portion of which is a garden; contains 700 beds, and mortality is 1 in 19. Seven physicians are attached to the hospital, besides about 20 assistants.

**HOPITAL DU GROS-CAILLOU.**—Near the Champ de Mars, in a very favorable position, is situated the Gros-Cailloü—a number of buildings enclosing a garden. The whole interior of this establishment is kept scrupulously clean. It receives about 6000 annually; mortality among which is 1 in 29. Nine physicians and their assistants compose the staff of this hospital.

**MAISON NATIONALE DE CHARENTON.\***—It is surprising what unlooked for results do frequently follow the exertions of humble individuals. When, in 1641, Sebastian Leblanc, in the goodness of his honest and

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\* The distance of this establishment from Paris (nearly six miles) might almost exclude it from this paper, but it has hitherto been associated with similar institutions, within the city, and I am not desirous of departing from the usual custom.