

of the brain. A man can spend more of his strength in five minutes of unnatural mental excitement than in one day of calm, steady brain work.—*Herald of Health*, April, 1892.

—Charcot says: “Every drop of seminal fluid of a drunkard contains the germs of all the neuropathies.”

—The largest child ever born, it is said, was the son of Bates, the “Kentucky Giant,” and his wife, the “Nova Scotia Giantess.” This infant Hercules weighed 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.

A NEW PROFESSORSHIP IN JEFFERSON MEDICAL COLLEGE.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, 1892, Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz was, on the unanimous recommendation of the Faculty, elected Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology in the Jefferson Medical College. At the time of his election, Dr. de Schweinitz was Professor of Ophthalmology in the Philadelphia Polyclinic and Lecturer on Medical Ophthalmoscopy in the University of Pennsylvania.

—They do not have any uncertainty in Geneva regarding ownership of the prescription. The law says the druggist must keep it. The enactment covering this point is explained by the fact that a number of years ago a nurse obtained a prescription for atropia, and went from chemist to chemist, thus procuring a large quantity of this drug, with which she poisoned a number of her patients. The authorities did not propose to any longer provide encouragement to criminals through laxity or lack of regulations applying to the sale of poisons, and very promptly and prudently passed the law referred to.—*Pharmaceutical Era*.

—There are said to be over six thousand railroad surgeons practicing under contract. In so far as we have been able to learn, the surgeon does his work mainly for the honour of the position, an annual pass over the company's lines for which he works, and a mere pittance in money. However, as they are contented to work for nothing and board themselves, others need not bother themselves about the matter. It, however, affords an apt illustration of how large corporations fatten by withholding from the medical profession that compensation which has been fairly earned.—*American Lancet*.