

DR. BLOEBAUM, of Coblenz, read a paper at the late Medical Congress held at Weisbaden, advocating the use of the *Galvano-Cautery* in treating *Diphtheria*.

He found that the application of the red-hot platinum-wire, even without the use of cocaine, caused very little pain; that the cauterized sores were totally sterilized, the fever disappeared, the membranes did not reform, and no local inflammation fol-

lowed the burning. These results he obtained without the aid of antiseptic or antithermic medicines; and so confident is he of the efficacy of this new mode of treating diphtheria, that he believes the number of fatal cases will be reduced to a minimum if the patients are treated in the proper manner, without loss of time, by the platinum loop. Professor Nassbaum and others express a favorable opinion of the method.

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