

ALBERT NAPPER, the originator of cottage-hospitals, died on November 16th, at the age of seventy-nine years. He established the first cottage-hospital in 1859.

OUR MEDICAL STUDENTS.—England has but 552 medical students; there are 8,000 in the Germany universities, but the United States has 13,000. We could loan England a few thousand and have plenty to spare.—*Med. Record.*

CHARCOT, like Gull, physicked his patients very sparingly. If he did not, like Sydenham, recommend students to read "Don Quixote" as a part of their medical education, he thought the works of the so-called "naturalist" school of novel writers useful for other purposes. He used to prescribe certain chapters of Zola as the surest emetic known to him; other works of the same master and his disciples were, in his opinion, valuable as narcotics. He used to say the best shop for narcotics was at Medan (where the author of "Nana" lives); there an infallible "drowsy syrup" could always be got for 3.50 fr. To a student who, after a lecture in which erotomania had been touched upon, asked what was the best remedy for incontinence Charcot replied, "Anæmia—or, better still, apoplexy."

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