

—The following story is told of the celebrated Oppolzer: Shortly after his arrival in Vienna he was consulted by an invalid, whom he advised, after a somewhat hasty examination, to go to Pistyan, in Hungary, and take the waters. After several months the man, whom the professor had forgotten, again presented himself, with an aggravation of all his symptoms, and said he had just returned from a course of the Pistyan waters. The professor examined him, this time rather more carefully, and then, with some wrath, asked him what confounded ass had advised him to go there, as it was the worst thing he could possibly have done. Moral: Always speak well of your neighbor.

A MEDICAL STUDENT AGED SEVENTY-FOUR.—Our Berlin correspondent writes:—It is not often that one hears of a student of the age of seventy-four taking a degree at a university. The “bernoostes haupt” is sometimes to be seen at German universities, but he is generally a man who has spent his last years in idleness. The Nestor of the Berlin students to whom I now refer has been studying at Berlin since 1881, and has just taken a degree of Doctor of Medicine. The professors addressed him as “worthy colleague,” the students as “papa-kin.” In 1833 he was matriculated at Berlin and studied theology till 1837, and spent his time from then till 1881 as a missionary in South Africa. It had been his wish all his life to study medicine, but pecuniary difficulties stood in his way. Now that he has passed his examination, having worked with all the zeal of a young student, he is going to return to Africa, where he will practice medicine.—*Brit. Med. Jour.*, March 7.

SWEATING TO DEATH.—Such an unusual case as that which Dr. Myrtle reports in the *British Medical Journal*, is worthy of comment. The patient, a healthy, active man, after suffering for three weeks from pain of rheumatic character, relieved by sodium-salicylate, was seized with profuse sweats, frequently of most offensive character, and lasting at times for ten hours. Atropine and ergotine both caused sudden symptoms of collapse. He improved for a time on arsenic, and the