

the condemned man practicing the sign agreed upon. A few minutes later the guillotine had done its work, the head was in Velpau's hands and the question put. Familiar as he was with the most shocking and gastly scenes, he was almost frozen with terror as he saw the right lid fall, while the other eye looked fixedly at him. "Again!" he cried frantically. The lids moved, but they did not part. It was all over.—*Med. Review.*

—MELLIN'S FOOD FOR INFANTS AND INVALIDS.—A recent analysis by Mr. G. W. Wigner, the President of the Society of Public Analysts of England, throws considerable light, not only on the composition, but on the physiological action of this popular preparation. It appears that it contains nearly 87 per cent. of dextrine, maltose, etc., soluble in cold water. As Mr. Wigner points out, it is not a mere starch or sugar food, but a soluble preparation, containing those nitrogenous and phosphatic principles which contribute largely to the growth of bone and tissue in young children. Being thoroughly malted, it is not only readily digestible itself, but actually assists in the digestion of milk and other foods with which it is mixed. It must of necessity be of great value in the case of feeble infants who cannot digest ordinary starchy foods. Mr. Wigner's analysis has evidently been performed with great care, and is of much interest."—*British Medical Journal*, May 3, 1884.

—The following editorial notice we clip from the *English Medical Press and Circular* of April 2nd, 1884:—"The undoubted advantages of malted preparations as articles of food have been so universally demonstrated that each candidate for professional favour, if carefully compounded, is welcomed as a useful addition to the physician's resources. In this connection a Canadian chemist, Mr. Hazen Morse, has produced a compound of pepsine and dry extract of malt, which combines the needed qualities of efficiency as a digestive agent and nutritive value as a food, and which, taken in doses of ten grains before meals, acts as a most beneficial and certain promoter of rapid digestion, and so ensures complete assimilation. In those forms of diarrhoea due to undigested food in the intestinal canal, from which young children are specially prone to suffer, this preparation acts almost as a specific; and regarded as a useful therapeutical aid to health, we can confidently recommend it for general use."