

citric acid of the juice and water the cyanate was decomposed and hydrocyanic acid produced. When accused of his mistake in order to convince those present of the innocency of his mixture he swallowed a dose and in a few minutes afterwards was a corpse.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

Rigby on Female Diseases, 1857. Laycock on Medical Observation, 1857. From Messrs. Blanchard & Lea, Philadelphia.

Report on the Use and Effect of Application of Nitrate of Silver to the Throat either in Local or General Disease. By HORACE GREEN, M.D. From the Author.

MEDICAL NEWS.

A TRUE PROPHET.—Miss * * * of Boston, 21 years of age, a believer in Spiritualism, "trance speaker," &c., predicted some time since that she would die in the month of October. But although she was very ill that month, she recovered. Again in a trance, the fatal time was predicted—the 25th of November. The day arrived, and the unfortunate victim of delusion announced that "soon all will be over." At six in the evening she complained of pain in the left side, followed by vomiting and purging, which continued until death.

An autopsy showed that the *prophetess* had made sure work by swallowing a large quantity of tartar emetic, which had caused her death, and fulfilled her prediction.

ANECDOTE OF GARRICK.—A certain Dr. Thomson, who was a great sloven, was taking breakfast one morning with Garrick. As the servant brought in a plate of hot muffins, the doctor, whose hobby it was to lay all the troubles of dyspepsia upon this favorite dish, cried out, "Take away the muffins, take away the muffins." "Oh, no, (says Garrick) looking quizzically at the shabby doctor," "Take away the ragamuffins."

BONPLAND.—This veteran, explorer, now in his eighty-third year writes from Uruguay that he is about to cross the ocean to offer his collections of botany and natural history to the French government, after which he will return to South America, and ere 1 his days on his plantation.

BREAD STUFFS.—A chemist announces that the common chestnut furnishes glucose, dextrine, oxalic acid, glue, alcohol, a farina of which excellent bread may be made, and a refuse which is a nutritious food for horses. Another hero of the laboratory mixes eight pounds of wheat flour with eight acorns, mashed, after having been boiled in a solution of carbonate of soda in vinegar, and so produces an economical and palatable kind of bread.

The prize of 30,000 francs, instituted by the Emperor Napoleon for the most notable discovery in science, has been awarded to M. Fizeau for his experiments on the rapidity of the movement of light.—Aluminum is now manufactured on a large scale at Rouen.—The extraction of alcohol from beet root has become an important *industrie*. Last year 18,000,000 of pounds of beet were converted at two establishments in the Pás de Calais.

LARGE FAMILY.—Mrs. Greenhill, a London matron of the last century, had thirty-nine children by one husband, all born alive and baptized, and all save two at single births. The last child was born after his father's death, and lived to be a surgeon, practising in Bloomsbury, and author of a work on "embalming." In commemoration of this remarkable fertility the family took for their crest a gryphon with thirty-nine stars on its wings.

—Notes and Queries.