

*Artificial Ice.*—Messrs. Robinet and Henry presented a Report to the Section of Pharmacy, on a Memoir of M. Coardemanche, chemist at Caen, respecting a new method of making artificial ice. This method consists in mixing four pounds of sulphuric acid with five pounds of the sulphate of soda in powder; the acid must be at 36 degrees, and this is done by diluting five parts of this acid at 66 degrees, with 5.5 parts of water. Instead of acid, the residuum of æther at 33 degrees may be employed; the proportions are four pounds four ounces of the residuum weakened to that degree to five pounds eight ounces of the sulphate of soda.

*Simple mode of obtaining Meconiate of Morphia.*—The following process is by D. Giuseppe Meneci; reduce good opium to powder, put it into a paper filter, add distilled water to it, and slightly agitate it; in this way wash it till the water passes through colourless; then pass a little diluted alcohol through it; dry the insoluble portion (now diminished to one half, in a dark place: digest it when dry, in strong alcohol for a few minutes, applying heat; separate the solution; which by cooling and after evaporation, will yield well crystallized meconiate of morphia of a pale straw colour.

*College of Surgeons.*—Upwards of one thousand surgeons &c. met on Saturday at Freemason's Tavern, London, to petition parliament against the charter of the college of surgeons, which, as they stated, conferred privileges on that body detrimental to science, and complaining of various abuses and grievances exercised by the court of examiners.

*Singular Deformity.*—We have been informed, says the Western Carolinian, that there is a white female now living in Buncombe county, N. C. about 13 years of age, who was born destitute of legs and arms. Her body is of the usual size; and is as perfect, in every respect, as any of nature's works; her head, however, although of regular formation, is something larger than that of common persons; her features are regular and even pleasing. Our informant (who is a medical gentleman) saw the young woman, and conversed with her mother. She stated that her daughter could talk as sensible as any child of that age. She sits up in a chair (being tied to it) most part of the day. Not having the least sign of a leg or arm, she is obliged to be removed by others, when she wishes to change her position.