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THE "Secret of Long Life" is the title of a 24-page pamphlet just published by Boericke & Tafel, a copy of which may be had post free by addressing any of their pharmacies. The pamphlet is simply a concise and clear statement of the theories, and use of the remedies, introduced by Julius Hensel in his *Macrobiotic*. It is worth sending for if only to learn what the Hensel ideas are.

"ANOTHER imposing work of over 900 pages has appeared on the subject of *Materia Medica* during the past year, namely, *A Regional and Comparative Materia Medica*, by Drs. Malcolm and Moss, of Chicago. It consists of the arrangement of the symptoms of the *Materia Medica* in chapters, each being one of the rubrics of the Hahnemannian scheme. It will prove a valuable aid to the student and practitioner."—*W. A. Dewey, M. D., Transactions of American Institute of Homœopathy*.

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WHEN the editor of the *British Medical Journal*, Mr. Ernest Hart, was in this country attending the Pan-American Convention he gave the general impression of being something of a Pharisee, which impression is probably correct. Some months ago a Dr. Kingsbury put his name on the prospectuses of a hydropathic establishment and the *British Medical Journal* thereat jumped on him with both feet for unprofessional conduct and advertising. Dr. Kingsbury hit back with a damage suit and the jury awarded him a hundred and fifty pounds damages. One notable feature of the affair is that professional sympathy seems to be altogether on the side of Doctor Kingsbury. The cruelest cut of all was given by Mr. Lawson Tait in the *Medical Press*. Under heading "Court Circular" in *The Times* of March 18, appeared the following: "Mr. Ernest Hart has left for a yachting tour in the Riviera for the benefit of his health, which has not yet recovered from the over-strain of his recent sanitary tour in India." To this Mr. Lawson Tait adds: "I have applied to the publisher of *The Times*, and have his printed reply before me that in the said column of his paper such insertions are charged for at the rate of three lines for a guinea, and ten shillings and sixpence for every additional line." We do not go far astray in this world when we make it a rule to regard with suspicion every gentleman who is especially given to rebuking the sins of his fellows.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Medical Record* writing on the subject of antitoxine says that in 1879 he was confronted by an epidemic of diphtheria, and in one instance he "removed the membrane from the throat" of the sick child and "abraded the arm of three of the children and introduced the poison the same as vaccine virus." These three were in the same family and had not yet contracted the disease and did not. He continues:

"This procedure I have carried out since when a favorable opportunity presented, and in all the cases I have inoculated four days before the outbreak of the disease the patients were rendered immune; but in all cases in which the disease appeared upon the first, second or third day there was no effect from the inoculation." He then argues from this: "The ideal measure is to inoculate an animal and take the product (serum) to inoculate or vaccinate the patient." All this is but a bungling, and more or less dangerous, form of isopathy. Much better, and far safer, to use the nosodes as prepared by homœopathic pharmacists. The Swan nosodes embrace those of nearly every known disease.

DR. DAVID INGLIS, of Detroit, at a meeting of the Michigan State Medical Society, said:

"One of the lasting absurdities of medical practice is the administration of the beef-tea. Beef-tea is practically an infusion of uric acid. Concentrated beef extract consists of uric acid to the extent of 88 per cent. of its bulk. Our grandmothers' domestic use of fresh urine was no more absurd than our use of meat extracts—simply a little less palatable."

He contended that a meat diet is not nourishing, but only stimulating and can be borne only so long as the system has the power to throw off the uric acid it generates.

Fruit juices, especially the unfermented juice of the grape, are far better for the sick than these preserved animal products.

THE *Druggists' Circular* says: "One would not be likely nowadays to look for adulterated or fictitious quinine," and then goes on to show that one would be mistaken in not looking; for the article is about and, like all fraudulent, adulterated or illy-prepared drugs, sells for a "suspiciously low price."

IN the *Journal des Practiciens* of March 24, M. L. Brocq tells how to treat itching of the anus. Among his remedies for external application are decoction of marshmallow, poppy capsules, cocoa leaves, vinegar, lead water, coal-tar saponine, carbolic acid, chloral, corrosive sublimate, menthol, guaicol, cocaine, cocoa butter and belladonna, not to mention drugs for internal use. Certainly no one can complain of a lack of drugs, though he might complain of a lack of precision as to their indications. Contrast this with the simple, yet efficacious, treat-

ment recommended by Dr. A. M. Cushing recently—*Ratanhia* internally and *Ratanhia* suppositories—and note the difference between the medicine of precision and that of chaos.

THE *Medical Press* tells of a gentleman in Calcutta who was attacked by a swarm of bees and severely stung, over one hundred and fifty stings being extracted from his person afterwards. Relief was at once obtained by applying a paste of *Ipecacuanha*. Hering gives *Ipecac* as an antidote to *Apis*.

REV. C. S. LAWRENCE, of Toms River, N. J., writes that there is a good opening for a homœopathic physician at that place—"nothing but old school here now."

DR. W. TONKIN has removed from Ridley Park, Pa., to No. 38 North Queen street, Lancaster, Pa. He left a good practice vacant and will be glad to correspond with any young Homœopathic physician wanting to take it up.

RHUS AROMATICA. As all know (who own sets of that valuable work) *Rhus aromatica* is one of those valuable remedies rescued, and preserved, from oblivion by Hale's *New Remedies*. The remedy was originally brought to notice by Dr. F. McClanahan, who stated that he first obtained his knowledge of its virtues from his grandfather, Dr. John Gray, who had used the drug for over thirty years with the utmost benefit to his patients. *Rhus aromatica* in material doses is "a sovereign remedy" for diabetes. The doses run from ten drops to a teaspoonful of the mother tincture. Another use of the remedy is in the cure of that annoying complaint, involuntary dribbling of the urine. It is also a great remedy for enuresis; indeed, a few years ago Dr. Worthington of Versailles, Ky.; said that it was practically a specific for this troublesome complaint. He does not look for symptoms but when he has a case of wetting the bed to treat he gives it *Rhus aromatica* in ten-drop doses. It has, like every thing else, been also recommended for other complaints and may be useful in them but in diabetes, dribbling of urine, or incontinence of urine and enuresis, it stands forth as a strongly marked remedy.

PERSONAL.

Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery is welcomed to the RECORDER'S advertising constituency; see inside of last cover.

Dr. B. F. Underwood, of the *Homœopathic Journal of Obstetrics*, has removed from Arlington to Ridgely Park, N. J.

Ants are said to have a bigger proportion of brains than any other creature, not excepting man.

The "pauper" labor of England seems to be getting along right comfortably—\$720,000,000 in the savings banks.

Dr. Lusk thinks it wisest to regard parturition "as a normal act." Well, yes, rather.

Ye "biochemic scientist" saith: "The lack of food produces what has been termed headache, gastralgia, diarrhœa and fever." Well, well!

"— of Iron" "does not constipate or injure the teeth," is the way the advertisement puts it.

Rub the rust off your pen occasionally and let the world have the benefit of the things you know in medicine.

Do you know that Baehrs' work on homœopathic practice, old though it be, is one of the most helpful and practical published?

Dr. S. S. Moffat gives the RECORDER'S readers another draught of his rhyme wine this month.

The *Medical Current* has departed this life and from its ashes arises the *Medical Era*, which erstwhile was swallowed by the *Medical Century*. Gatchell is running the new *Era* and making a good journal of it.

Less animal food and more pure unfermented grape juice is the thing at this season.

The *Materia Medica Pura* and the *Chronic Diseases* ought to be the standard materia medicas in all offices.

The *Dosimetric Review* says that the germ theory of disease is a house of cards.

The fourth edition of Raue's great work, *Special Pathology*, etc., will be the next book event. Much new matter has been added and it is an up to date homœopathic practice.

And now, with the robins, comes the glad cry, "play ball!"

If there is more than one law of cure why not formulate it?

Aunty Toxine doesn't seem to be as popular as she was at first.

Nearly 80,000 cases of Mumm's champagne were imported into the United States in 1895. It is easily the leader among champagnes, both in quantity and in quality.

Bloody discharge of urine resulting from injuries has been cured by *Triticum Repens*.

The International Homœopathic Congress meets at London, August 3 to 8 next.

Champions are no longer a rarity.

Ten thousand dollars for a Sunday paper full of Holmes' lies. Great is that "mighty engine of civilization," the press.

Have you seen the Roentgen ray hand with a ring on the little finger?

Carlyle preached the virtue of science—and wrote forty volumes.

Cloth may be "all wool" and poor stuff withal.

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SOME OLD PAPERS ON PLANTAGO MAJOR.

(Friend Cresson called on the RECORDER a few weeks ago and, talking of old times, said he had some letters on the subject of *Plantago major*, of which he was one of the provers, that might not be without interest to a later generation. The RECORDER man expressed a wish to see them, and Dr. Cresson copied them out, in his fine old-style hand and here they are—this type writing generation ought to see that old copy book in which Dr. Cresson has copied all his correspondence, every letter as neatly hand-copied as the original was written).

(Copied by Charles Caleb Cresson From His Letters to Frederick Humphrey.)

Curative Effects of Plantago Major on Animal Poisons, Having Symptoms of Blood Poisoning.

Dr. Frederick Humphreys, Auburn, Cayuga County, N. Y.

PHILADELPHIA, 5 mo., 25th, 1854.

Respected Friend.—Thy favor of the 20th inst. came to hand yesterday by which it is pleasant to hear that the change of air and scene has restored thy health. With regard to the snake bite story, I called on Thomas Firth to inquire of him, concerning it, and though, in some respects, different from what I heard (from his nephew, W. F. Toner), yet it is substantially the same except that Thomas Firth heard the account from an eye witness, a reliable man, but did not see it himself. But I will tell it to thee as Thomas Firth told it to me, as nearly as I can recollect. As soon as I left T. F. after hearing his account, I made a memorandum of it.

A number of years ago, say fifteen, there was a man taking a lot of Rattlesnakes to Europe to sell, who stopped at Philadelphia and exhibited them at our Masonic Hall in Chestnut street.