

## A CORONER'S KIT.

One of the coroners for the county of Dublin was brought up yesterday before the magistrates of the head police-office, Dublin, charged with being drunk and disorderly, at half-past five o'clock on Monday, in Camden-street, and assaulting police constable 104 A. On being brought to the station-house and searched, the following articles were found in his possession, as detailed by the constable on the sheet which contained the charge:—A prayer-book, a pack of cards, a pair of spectacles, a bottle of whiskey, a tin box containing some sugar, a tin tea-pot and saucepan, a pair of scissors, two knives, a chain and seal, a razor, three shillings and threepence-halfpenny, also a penny, a chain and seal, some bread and butter, one shilling and a penny in copper, a corkscrew, a rule, three small boxes, a hammer, a pepper-box, a comb, two locks, a key, a bottle, some nails, some steel pens, some tea, a gimlet, two ink-bottles, and some tape, a fourpence in silver, and some soap, a stick—in his pocket. The entry in the sheet is, "Fined the county coroner one shilling.—J. Magee."—*Freeman's Journal*.

## PROSPECTS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

Those who look only upon the surface of society, and who hear of the large fortunes accumulated by a few successful medical practitioners, may think that the practice of the medical profession is at once the sure and ready road to independence and wealth; but the *appalling fact*, that ONE IN FOUR of the members of this society has left a widow or orphans claimants on its funds, sufficiently disproves this opinion. The public generally seem not to have any knowledge of the difficulties, and consequently no sympathy for the struggles, of men who, bred with the notions and feelings of gentlemen, educated at a great expense, and obliged at all hazards to keep up an appearance of respectability, are compelled to wait quietly and silently for that employment which they either may not obtain at all, or too late in life to afford them the opportunity of providing for their families.—*Report of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men*.

## ORGANIC PETRIFICATIONS.

A young physician of Rome, says a letter from that city, has succeeded in discovering the means of petrifying all substances of organic formation, without their being changed materially in colour. A few days are sufficient to operate this transformation. He has already exhibited flowers, birds, fishes, and even human heads, beautifully petrified.—*Athenæum*.

## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

*War-office, April 15.*

14th Light Dragoons—Arthur Saunders Thomson, M.D., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Moffatt, promoted.

17th Foot—Robert Winchester Fraser, Esq., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Thomson, appointed to the 14th Dragoons.

57th Foot—Joseph Jee, Esq., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Fraser, who resigns.

42nd Foot—Charles Bush Hearn, Esq., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Baird, promoted.

## OBITUARY.

At Calcutta, on the 12th instant, John Bouchier, M.D., of the Bombay Medical Service.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN LONDON.

*Members admitted on Friday, April 15, 1842.*

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*Monday, April 18, 1842.*

David Morgan, John Serjeant, William N. Boyce, Edward Gaskell, William N. Clarkson, William Grey, William Player, Thomas B. Gildersleeves, Benjamin Barkus, John Nicholson, Duncan R. Mc Nab, Thomas E. Lander, Samuel Mason.

## APOTHECARIES' HALL.

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