

having much increased, a little solid angle was seen projecting at the top of the cone of the cornea, which, by its hardness, was ascertained to be metallic. This was removed a few days afterwards, the operator finding his chief difficulty from the adhesions formed by the posterior part of the steel with the interior organisation of the eye. The operation lasted six or seven minutes, and was not very painful. There was not any attack of fever, nor increase of pain afterwards; but, on the contrary, all the symptoms diminished in intensity, and soon after the man returned to his workshop.

The foreign body was a fragment of iron, having the shape of a regular triangular prism, two faces of which, being nearly equal, formed a right angle, and all its angles were exceedingly sharp; it weighed fifteen grains, and was six lines and a half long.

#### MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

The vacancy in the office of assistant-surgeon to this hospital has been filled by the election of Mr. de Morgan. The other candidates were Mr. Harrison and Mr. Erasmus Wilson.

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

*War-office, December 13.*

17th Light Dragoons—Assistant-surgeon George Anderson, from the 75th Foot, to be assistant-surgeon, vice Cooper, deceased.

75th Foot—Robert Lewins, M.D., to be assistant-surgeon, vice Anderson, appointed to the 17th Dragoons.

#### NAVAL.

Surgeons—Dr. H. W. Mahon, to the Samarang; John Hateley, from the Frolic, to the Thunderbolt; John Rees, to the Frolic.

Assistant-surgeons—John S. Peddie, to the Victory; Arthur Adams, to the Samarang; R. Hastings, to the Thunderbolt; G. S. G. Bowen, to the Minden.

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#### BOOKS RECEIVED.

The Physical Diagnosis of Diseases of the Lungs. By W. H. Walshe, M.D. London: Taylor and Walton, 1842. 8vo. pp. 308.

Photography, including the Daguerreotype, Calotype, Chrysotype, &c. Second Edition. By W. R.

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The Retrospective Address delivered at the Tenth Anniversary Meeting of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association. By James Black, M.D. Worcester: Deighton and Co., 1842. 8vo. pp. 146.

Chemical Manipulation; being Instructions to Students in Chemistry on the Methods of Performing Experiments of Demonstration or Research with Accuracy and Success. By Michael Faraday. Third Edition. London: Murray, 1842. 8vo. pp. 664.

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#### LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

Preparing for publication early in the next year, Principles of Forensic Medicine. By William Augustus Guy, M.B., Cantab, Professor of Forensic Medicine in King's College, London, and Physician to the King's College Hospital.

#### ERRATUM.

In Mr. Estlin's paper on Cataract and Prussic Acid, in the last Number, at page 209, 2nd column, 21st line from bottom, for "tumor," read *humor*.

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*A. F.*—We should only gratify an idle curiosity by revealing the secret proceedings at the Westminster Hospital. If the appointment of physician be made for one year only, it becomes a question whether such practice may not become a custom, and the office be sold annually to the highest bidder.

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