

## HYDROGEN A METAL.

By M. DUMAS.

At the termination of his fourth lecture at the Sorbonne—the subject being hydrogen—M. Dumas announced the following striking views:—"Whatever it may cost me, gentlemen, in thus giving my opinion, I ought to express it fully. We ought no longer to consider hydrogen as a metalloid, or as merely approaching to a metal in any form, it ought to be classed by the side of metals or among metals. *It is a gaseous metal, even as mercury is a liquid metal.* If we suppose that it is impossible to liquify the vapor of mercury, that it is colorless, inodorous, and transparent as hydrogen, we shall have a correct idea of the views I wish to establish. By degrees you will learn to appreciate the correctness of this new theory, when, for instance, you study the different compound bodies of which hydrogen is a constituent. The *ensemble* of its properties approaches, in fact, to mercury and potassium."—*Echo du Monde Savant, and An. of Chemistry.*

## A DRUGGIST'S PRESCRIPTION.

(Authentic.)

R Pulv. Rhei, 3j;  
Pot. sup. tart, 3j;  
Saponis Ven., 3ss. Misce; fiat pil. twelve, quorum  
one vel two, nocte horis somni sumendus.

## TRANSLATION.

"Misce, let them be well mixed up together; fiat pil. twelve, that is, make it into twelve pills; quorum one vel two, take one or two; nocte horis somni, of these pills the last thing going to bed; sumendus, every night.

Pulv. rhei. means Turkey rhubarb root.

Pot. sup. tart., cream of tartar pot.

Saponis Ven. is Venus's shaving soap."

[The accomplished author of the above rejoices in the name of Cyrus.]

## DR. PROUT'S URINOMETER.

By J. G. RONKETTI.

Having received numerous inquiries from the country relative to this apparatus, we were induced to procure one ourselves and test its utility. We can now speak favorably of it from experience, and recommend it to all who are inclined to avail themselves of the indications derived from the state of the urine in various complaints.

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## OBITUARY.

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## PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

December 18, 1842.

## NAVAL.

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Monday, Dec. 19, 1842.

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We would beg to direct attention to the report of the proceedings at the Upton Union in connection with the cases of Mr. Morison and Mr. Sheward. Had we not been prevented by indisposition we should have made the conduct of the poor-law commissioners the subject of lengthened remark in our present Number.

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