

some distance from a large collateral branch. However, though the nearness of a collateral branch may interfere with the formation of a coagulum, it does not necessarily prevent the adhesive process from closing up the vessel. Indeed the recovery of the patient in this case shows that a large artery may be successfully tied at the distance of half an inch from the point at which a branch nearly of equal magnitude comes off.—*Dublin Med. Journ.*, January, 1843.

THE QUACKS' CORNER.

We have already noticed a certain corner in the "Times" newspaper, wherein the printer, endowed with supernatural tact, collects together such advertisements as to him appear of doubtful character, thus saving his respectable customers from contact with unpleasant companions, and furnishing a bird's eye view of metropolitan industry.

In the "Times" of Monday last (April 3), we have a curious and highly instructive list of this kind, at page 10, corner of col. 6. The sagacity of the printer has been deceived in one or two instances only. Thus he has committed the error of placing, at the head of his list, No. 1, "Dr. Elliotson's numerous cases of surgical operations without pain in the Mesmeric state." After Dr. Elliotson we have, No. 2, Madame Bernard, the possessor of an ointment which will convert a deal chest into a hair trunk, and who makes payment contingent on success.

3. Dr. Dickson's Fallacies of the Faculty.
4. Dr. Ramadge on Asthma.
5. Dr. Alnatt on Tic (an error on the printer's part).
6. Dr. Smethurst on the Cold Water Cure.
7. Dr. Graham on the Cold Water Cure.
8. Mr. Edwin Lee on Animal Magnetism.
9. Mr. Stevenson on Deafness.
10. Messrs. Goss and Co. on Nervous Weakness.
11. Mr. Van Butchell on Piles.
12. La Mert on Self-preservation.

The "Times" printer should take out a patent for his nose.

INSTITUTE OF FRANCE.

ELECTION OF M. VELPEAU.

On Monday last, the Academy of Sciences, after various adjournments, proceeded to the election of a successor to Baron Larrey. The chief candidates were MM. Velpeau, Lisfranc, Lallemand, and Civiale. At the first ballot M. Velpeau obtained 20 votes; M. Civiale, 15; M. Lallemand, 14; M. Lisfranc, 6. On the second, M. Velpeau had 26 votes, and M. Lallemand 22. Finally, on the third ballot, M. Velpeau obtaining 33 votes, and M. Lallemand 26, the former gentleman was elected. It is worthy of remark, that M. Civiale obtained 15 votes, although his name had not even been presented in the list of candidates by the committee of the academy.

SUNDERLAND INFIRMARY.

Dr. George Fife (late of Newcastle) was on Friday, the 31st ultimo, appointed physician to the Sunderland Infirmary and Dispensary.

PATENT METALLIC PISTON.

Messrs. Weiss have invented a piston which seems to be a considerable improvement on those now in use. The principle is very simple. The external circumference of the piston is divided into three segments of a circle, and each segment is supported by a spiral spring, acting from the centre outwards. By this means the circumference of the piston is constantly pressed against the surface of the syringe, and the instrument is not apt to get deranged.

OBITUARY.

At Dresden, in the thirty-eighth year of his age, Dr. Bullard, a gentleman well known by his labors relative to the plague, to the study of which he had devoted the greater part of his life in Turkey and in Egypt.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

NAVAL.

Surgeons—W. C. Watt, M.D., to be deputy inspector of Malta Hospital, vice Martin, deceased; Gilbert King, M.D., to Bermuda Hospital, vice Kennedy, retired; William Lindsay, M.D., to the Illustrious, vice King; Alexander S. Allen, M.D., to the Queen, vice Watt; John W. Elliott, to the Howe, vice Allen; C. Wilkinson, to the Devastation, vice Elliott.

Assistant-surgeon—W. R. E. Smart, to the Sappho.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

Lectures on the Eruptive Fevers, delivered at St. Thomas's Hospital, in January, 1843. By George Gregory, M.D. London: Renshaw, 1843. 8vo. pp. 258.

On Feigned and Fictitious Diseases, chiefly of Soldiers and Seamen, &c. By Hector Gavin, M.D. London: Churchill, 1843. 8vo. pp. 436.

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