

sale were readily purchased, and there is a demand for more. The turkeys, which arrived from Honduras in the month of September, laid twenty eggs, which produced nine birds, seven of which are now in good condition. Reports from several members give a good account of the *dioscorea batatas*, which have been dug in excellent condition where the soil has been rich and light, and therefore favourable to their growth. A present from Sir George Bowen, the Governor of Queensland, in the form of a pair of the *talegalla* (or mound-building turkey of Australia) is shortly expected. A promise has been received from the French Société d'Acclimatation of *sorgho* seeds, to be sent over in the spring.

**SERGEANT-SURGEONS.** The appointment of sergeant-surgeon to Her Majesty has been bestowed on Mr. Caesar Henry Hawkins, F.R.S. (the vacancy having been caused by the death of Sir Benjamin Brodie.) Mr. Hawkins, who has long been a member of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, filled also the high office of President of that institution in 1852, and, for a second time, in the past year. Her Majesty has two sergeant-surgeons, Mr. Lawrence being the senior. One of the duties of the office is to attend the Sovereign in all battles. Henry V when he invaded France had only one principal surgeon with him, one Thomas Morstede, afterwards surgeon to Henry VI. He wrote a "goodley boke on chirurgery," which is now extremely rare. This person was authorised to press as many surgeons as he thought necessary, and it appears from *Rymer's Feder* that with the army which won the day at Agincourt there landed only one surgeon—this same Thomas Morstede, who did, indeed, engage fifteen in that capacity, but these gentlemen were compelled to add a little fighting to their practice of surgery, and three of them acted as archers. He took into his service also Nicolas Colnet, as field-surgeon, for one year. With such a medical staff, what must have been the state of the wounded after the day of battle? The pay was £10 quarterly, and twelve pennies daily for subsistence; but then, both Morstede and Colnet could receive prisoners and plunder, and when the latter amounted to more than £20 in value a third part of it was given to the king.

#### OPERATION DAYS AT THE HOSPITALS.

**MONDAY.** Royal Free, 2 P.M.—Metropolitan Free, 2 P.M.—St. Mark's for Fistula and other Diseases of the Rectum, 1.15 P.M.—Samaritan, 2.30 P.M.—Lock, Clinical Demonstration and Operations, 1 P.M.

**TUESDAY.** Guy's, 1½ P.M.—Westminster, 2 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY.** St. Mary's, 1 P.M.—Middlesex, 1 P.M.—University College, 2 P.M.

**THURSDAY.** St. George's, 1 P.M.—Central London Ophthalmic, 1 P.M.—London, 1.30 P.M.—Great Northern, 2 P.M.—London Surgical Home, 2 P.M.—Royal Orthopaedic, 2 P.M.

**FRIDAY.** Westminster Ophthalmic, 1.30 P.M.

**SATURDAY.** St. Thomas's, 1 P.M.—St. Bartholomew's, 1.30 P.M.—King's College, 1.30 P.M.—Charing Cross, 2 P.M.

#### POPULATION STATISTICS AND METEOROLOGY OF LONDON—NOVEMBER 22, 1862.

[From the Registrar-General's Report.]

	Births.	Deaths.
During week.....	{ Boys .. 1000 }	1885
	{ Girls .. 885 }	1559

Average of corresponding weeks 1852-61 ..... 1833 1436

**Barometer:**

Highest (Mon.) 30.234; lowest (Sat.) 29.728; mean, 30.020.

**Thermometer:**

Highest in sun—extremes (Sun.) 79 degs.; (Fri.) 43.8 degs.

In shade—highest (Tu.) 47.3 degrees; lowest (Sat.) 30.6 degs.

Mean—38.3 degrees; difference from mean of 43 yrs.—4.0 degs.

Range—during week, 16.7 degrees; mean daily, 10.3 degrees.

Mean humidity of air (*saturation* = 100), 88.

Mean direction of wind, N.E.—Rain in inches, 0.01.

#### MEETINGS OF SOCIETIES DURING THE NEXT WEEK.

**MONDAY.** Royal College of Physicians, 4 P.M. Dr. Charles Bland Radcliffe, "On Certain Diseases of the Brain and Nervous System."—Medical Society of London, 8.30 P.M. Dr. James Bird, Lettsomian Lecture on "Means of Ameliorating the Physical and Moral Condition of the Masses."—Entomological—Odontological—Epidemiological, 8 P.M. Mr. Radcliffe, "On the State of Epidemic Disease in Great Britain, 1861-2."

**TUESDAY.** Pathological, 8 P.M.—Photographical.—Ethnological, 8 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY.** Obstetrical, 8 P.M. Dr. Tilbury Fox, "On the Influence of the Mother's Health in the Production of Rickets."—Hunterian, 8 P.M.—Pharmaceutical.

**THURSDAY.** Royal College of Physicians, 4 P.M. Dr. Charles Bland Radcliffe, "On Certain Diseases of the Brain and Nervous System."—Harveian Society of London, 8 P.M. Mr. J. R. Lane, "On Stone in the Bladder in the Female."—Chemical, 8 P.M. Linnean, 8 P.M.—Royal.

**FRIDAY.** Western Medical and Surgical.—Royal Institution.

**SATURDAY.** Army Medical, 7.30 P.M.

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CORRESPONDENTS, who wish notice to be taken of their communications, should authenticate them with their names—of course not necessarily for publication.

**CHLORODYNE.**—A correspondent writes:—"I hear that, partly on account of the inherent weakness of the plaintiff's case, and partly on account of the firm stand taken by a portion of the profession in our columns, in opposition to secret remedies of any kind being introduced in our *Pharmacopœia* or prescriptions, that the chlorodyne trial has been suddenly adjourned *sine die*; the plaintiff paying the costs of the defendant, which were very considerable. It is something new in practice to know that chlorodyne of the chief maker does not contain either chloroform or Indian hemp; but owes its alleged virtues to a new alkaloid incapable of analytical reactions. The formula for the chlorodyne of other makers has been more than once published; and that it contains both chloroform and cannabis Indica is no secret. The chief property of the latter compound is, of course, anodyne or sedative; not stimulant, as erroneously supposed. A very important duty now remains to the profession, if they are in earnest as to secret medicines; whether they shall decide to prescribe one form of chlorodyne or the other. I have good reason to know that no notice whatever is taken of chlorodyne, its properties, or doses, in the forthcoming *Pharmacopœia*; yet it is every day in the hands of our medical assistants and house-surgeons, and generally admitted to be (like chloroform and opium, its constituents) a very useful medicine. The point of the wedge has been at length inserted into the dubious mass of quackery and specialism inside our ranks; it remains to be seen with what final result."

COMMUNICATIONS have been received from:—Mr. J. KENT SPENDER; Mr. J. B. CURGOVEN; Mr. T. M. STONE; Dr. EDWARD COPEMAN; Mr. T. L. PRIDHAM; Mr. J. N. RADCLIFFE; Mr. JOSEPH HINTON; Mr. G. BODINGTON; Mr. CHAS. F. HODSON; Dr. JOHN HOPE; Dr. WOOTTON; Mr. OSBORN; Dr. PARKES; Mr. JOHN WALTER; Dr. LANKESTER; Dr. SIEVEKING; Mr. ERASMIUS WILSON; Mr. JAMES LANE; Dr. H. BARKER; Dr. DAY; Dr. HANDFIELD JONES; Dr. KIDD; and Mr. J. A. PEARSON.

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