professional man in France. We give a translation of the judgment:

"Considering that, in regard to the acts of swindling attributed to Martinez, it appears from the investigation and the pleadings that, having been established seven or eight years at Toulouse, he has represented himself and announced himself in the newspapers as having a special power of healing or extirpating cancer, and has promised a radical cure to persons who have applied to him, although their disease had been declared incurable; considering that these false promises are doubtless insufficient in themselves alone to constitute the offence of swindling, but that they have always been preceded, accompanied, and followed, by fraudulent manœuvres, with the object of obtaining from the patients—first, the promise of important sums, and then their payment into his hands;

"Considering that, in fact, the investigation and pleadings have established—1, That Martinez, after having visited his patients, sought to terrify them, so as to force them to entrust themselves to his treatment, by telling them that their disease was incurable, that no other medical man could do anything, that he alone was sure of curing them, that he had an infallible remedy, a secret which he was on the point of selling to the Government; 2, that he represented himself as having performed numerous cures, the number of which, according to certain witnesses, he stated to be one hundred and ninety-two; 3, that he represented himself as medical attendant to the Queen of Spain, and a doctor of medicine, while he was merely a simple officier de santé recognised in France; 4, that, after having exacted from his patients the promise of large sums, sometimes amounting to 4000 francs (£160), he always caused half of the promised sum to be paid before commencing treatment, and stipulated that the second half should be paid on the performance of the cure which he promised; 5, that he took care, in the receipts which he gave, to mention that the second payment should be made on the extirpation of the cancer, thus preparing new manœuvres to obtain the second payment, even though the patients had not obtained the promised cure; 6, that the treatment which he caused to be undergone by the patients who had the misfortune to entrust themselves to him, consisted in the application of violent caustics to the affected part, causing them to suffer long and terrible agony, and destroying and hardening the flesh; 7, that he surrounded himself in mystery when he dressed the patients, desiring no person, not even their nearest relations, to be present—not wishing, as he said, that they should become acquainted with his secret; and that after some months of treatment, he simulated the removal of a cancer by lifting out a piece of the flesh of the part, or of the eschars, which he represented as the cancer itself, assuring the patients that all was completed, that the wound had only to cicatrise, that the process of cicatrisation was tedious, but that the cure was complete.

"Considering that in one instance (that of Madame Biane), doubts having been raised as to the pretended extraction of the cancer, Martinez rendered all verification impossible by making away with the bottle containing the substance which he had removed from the patient's breast; that he also threatened such patients as made an objection to paying because they did not consider themselves cured, that he would cease from his attendance on them;

"Considering that all the preceding facts constitute fraudu-lent means employed by Martinez, by the aid of which he caused to be paid to him, and endeavoured to obtain, considerable sums of money, and that he has thus committed the crime of swindling with which he is charged;

"Considering that the acts of swindling were committed to the prejudice of Mesdames Barrau, Thibaut, Biane, Roux, Bedoussont, Brachit, Calages, Pégourier, Prévost, Lamothe, Sabatier, Chartron, Laya, Bidou, and sisters Alexandrina and St. Louis, nuns;

"Considering that, although the facts relative to Mesdames Lamothe and Pegourier are of old date, yet those relative to all the other persons named above have been committed within three years, and fall within the application of the penal

law;
"Considering, with regard to the accusation against Martinez of having committed acts of homicide, as having caused wounds by imprudence or neglect of rules, that it is ascertained that the treatment employed by him, in the cases of persons named above, caused them to experience unheard of and insupportable suffering, which must of necessity have an injurious influence on the health of the patients, of whom some have died, and others have survived, uncured; but that it is

not sufficiently established that the treatment they received from Martinez produced death or wounds;

"Considering, with regard to the accusations of having violated the prescriptions of the code of medical police, that Martinez supplied the caustics which he applied to his patients, but that it is not established that he prepared them himself, and that he might have obtained them from druggists, as he has alleged; that, moreover, he did not sell them to the patients, and did not receive payment for them in addition to his charges for treatment; that, finally, it has not been proved he performed any surgical operation in violation of the law, since he confined himself to removing the masses of flesh that had been burned by the caustics which he used;

"For these reasons, the tribunal acquits Martinez of the accusations of involuntary homicide, or wounding by imprudence or neglect of rules, and of violating the regulations of

the code of medical police;

"Finds him guilty of having, within three years, committed sundry acts of swindling, to the prejudice of the persons already named, by persuading them that he was a great physician, the possessor of a secret or an infallible remedy for extirpating and healing the most intractable cancers, which secret he even alleged he was about to sell to the Government; by causing them to believe in a cure, though impossible, and thus raising in them the hope of a success or of a chimerical event; and by also persuading them, in the course of the treatment to which he subjected them, that their cure was accomplished by a pretended extirpation of the cancer; and, finally, finds him guilty of having, by fraudulent means, caused to be delivered to him various sums of money, of which he has thus swindled the above-named persons, to their prejudice;
"In consequence, condemns Martinez to five years im-

prisonment, and a fine of one thousand francs."

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Highest (Sun.) 30·194; lowest (Sat.) 29·896; mean 30·032 in.

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In shade—highest (Sun. Th. and Sat.) 46 degs.; lowest (Mon.) 30.3 degs.
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Range—during week, 15.7 degrees; mean daily, 10.2 degrees.
Mean humidity of air (saturation=100., 33.
Mean direction of wind, S.W. and S.E.—Rain in inches, 0.07.

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- BOOKS RECEIVED.

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  1. On the Congulation of the Blood in the Venous System during Life. By 
  \*George Murray Humphry, M.D., F.R.S. Cambridge: Macmillan and 
  Co. 1859.

  2. On Chronic Alcoholic Intoxication; or Alcoholic Stimulants in connection 
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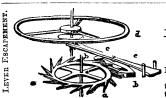
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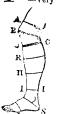


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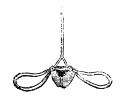
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