THE WILMINGTON MESSENGER, SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1897					
OCTORS.	Hosack and Remeyn, and Griscom and	gratitude for this opportunity? Do you	Christ to my patients, either directly	Dr. Maurier as a Poet	Literary Evolution in America
ourono.	valentine Mott, of the generation just	not feel thankful now? Then, I am	or indirectly, and I find it is almost al-	(R. H. Stoddard in New York Mail and	(Professor Benjamin W. Wells, in the
- Contraction of the second	past, nonored God and fought back	afraid, doctor, you are not a Christian	ways acceptable." Drs. Abercrombie	Express.)	June Forum.)
HIGH TRIBUTE	death with their keen scalpels.	and that the old proverb which Christ	and Brown of Scotland, Drs. Hey and	That the late Mr. George du Maurier. besides his unique skill as an artist in	We are passing through the same stage
	would understand what the medical	quoted in his sermon may be appropri-		block and white and his curious talent as	of literary evolution as the French; only
PROFESSION.	profession has accomplished for the in-	Another reason why I think the med-	our own country were celebrated for	writer of romances, possessed a genuine	that with them the habit of literary criti-
	sane, let us look into the dungeons	ical profession ought to be Christians is	"Oh." says the medical profession	but unsuspected poetic gift, is made mani- fest by Mr. Charles Sayle in a recently	cism and self-criticism makes the ten-
ng Asa, Who Had	where the poor creatures used to be in-	because there are so many trials and	"that is your occupation. That belongs	published anthology entitled in Fraise of	dency more marked and more easily
Why the Doctors	carcerated-madmen chained naked to	annoyances in that profession that need	to the clergy, not to us." My brother,	Music" It consists of selections in prose	studied. Here, as there, it might seem
Piety and Medical	the wall, a kennel of rotten straw their	positive Christian solace. I know you	there are severe illnesses in which you	and verse, and among the last is what purports to be a version of a little French	that for the time the minds of men had
12 - 24 - 2 - 3	and unlighted the worst cohereity	have the gratitude of a great many	will not admit even the clergy, and that	noom by M Sully Proudhomme, but which	overleaped themselves; as though in this strange fin du siecle we were pausing in
that men of	the race punished with the very worst	good people, and I know it must be a	patient's salvation will depend upon	is clearly the falladry by Du Maurier mm-	our letters and art, uncertain of the on-
ve much en-	punishment-and then come and look	through the avenues of human life, and	for the body in one hand the medicine	self, and not an echo of the meaning and manner of his original. It is charmingly	ward way, and seeking, in more acute ap-
	at the insane asylums of Utica and	with anatomic skill poise yourself on	for the soul in the other, oh, what a	natural.	prehension, deeper penetration, and keen- er analysis of what has been and is, an
	Kirkbride-sofaed and pictured, libra-	the nerves and fibres which cross and	chance! There lies a dving Christian	"Kindly watcher by my bed, lift no voice	answer to our perplexity of what shall be
ermon prepared	ried, concerted, until all the arts and	recross this wonderful physical system.	on the pillow. You need to hold over	in prover	Here, as there, originally, never absent.
ains enthusiastic	adornments come to coax recreant rea-	I suppose a skilled eye can see more	him the lantern of the gospel until its	Waste not any words on me when the	manifests itself too often in a studied ec- centricity, and wastes its energy in a
	son to assume her throne. Look at Ed-	beauty even in malformation than an	light streams across the pathway of	hour is nigh. Let a stream of melody but flow from	search for the novel and bizarre-a search
nicles xvi, 12, 13,	cine. Four hundred thousand people an-	architect can point out in any of his structures, though it be the very tri-	the departing pilgrim, and you need to	some sweet praver.	that is most futile when most successful.
y and ninth year	nually dying in Europe from the small-	umph of arch and plinth and abacus.	to the song of beaven's welcome thet	And meekly will I lay my head and fold	But as one reviews the field of American letters, one may take heart of grace to
eased in his feet	pox, Jenner finds that by the inocula-	But how many annoyances and trials	comes stealing over the waters!"	my hands to die.	say that our development in no way lags
exceeding great,	tion of people with vaccint from a cow	the medical profession have! Dr.	There lies on the pillow a dying sinner.	Sick am I of idle words, past all reconcil-	behind that of England, that it has in it the promise of an evolution as brilliant
sought not the		Rush used to say in his valedictory ad-	All the morphine that you brought	ing	as varied, and perhaps more critically
	rested. The ministers of th gospel de-	dress to the students of the medical		Words that weary and purplex and pander and conceal,	sound . Above all it is independent, and
ncians. And Asa	nounced vaccination, small wits carica-	pockets-a small pocket and a big	the heart. How he jerks himself up on	Wake the sounds that cannot lie, for all	so is contributing an important, perhap an essential, part to the growth of a dis
		pocket, a small pocket in which to put	one elbow and looks wildly into your face and says: "Doctor, I can't die.	their sweet beguiling:	tinctly national literature.
the year, when	and grave men expressed it as their	your fees, a large pocket in which to	I am not ready to die. What makes it	The language one need fathom not, but only hear and feel.	
schools of medi-	opinion that all the diseases of the	put your annoyances."	so 'dark? Doctor, can you pray?"		Fatal Age for Genius
has to young doc-	brute creation would be transplanted	In the first place, the physician has	Blessed for you and blessed for him if	Let them roll once more to me, and ripple	Among men and women of genius ther
tal and in many	into thehuman family, and they gave	no Sabbath. Busy merchants and law-	then you can knel down and say: "O	in my hearing, Like waves upon some lonely beach where	seems to be a strange fatality connected with the age of 56. Some of the most
'associations are	horne had come out on the foreheads of	yers and mechanics cannot afford to be		no craft anchoreth:	renowned characters of the world hav
about the ad-	innocent persons and people had be-	they nurse themselves along with loz-	cure this man's body, and I have fail-	That I may steep my soul therein, and craving nought, nor fearing,	died on reaching that limit, includin
rests of their pro-	gun to chew the cud. But Dr. Jenner.	enges and horehound candy until Sab-	suffering and affrighted soul. Open	Drift on through slumber to a dream, and	Dante, the Italian poet; Hugt Capet, kin of France; Henry VIII, king of England
scourse is appro-		bath morning comes, and then they	Paradise to his departing spirit."	through a dream to death."	Henry IV, emperor of Germany; Paga
scourse is appro-		say, "I must have a doctor." And	THE LAST SICKNESS.		nini, Italian violinist; Alexander Pope the English poet; George Sala, Englis
GOUT.		that spoils the Sabbath morningchurch	But I must close, for there may be	Interesting to Antiquarians.	orientalist; Marcus Aurelius, emperor o
	has saved more lives than all the bat- tles of any one century destroyed.	service for the physician. Besides that, there are a great many men who dine	suffering men and women waiting in	From The New York Evening Sun)	Rome; Frederick I, king of Prussia; Joh
		but once a week with their families.	your office, or on the hot pillow, won-	The rioting which took place at cor-	Hancock, American statesman; Mari Louisa, empress of France; Philip Mas
no exercise have	arobienta intouttable.	During the secular days they take a	dering why you don't come. But before		senger, English dramatist; Saladin, th
my text presents	rassing along the streets of Falli-	hasty lunch at the restaurant, and on	you go, O doctors, hear my prayer for		great sultan of Egypt; Robert Stephenson
ed and bandaged	The second secon	the Sabbath they make up for their	your eternal salvation. Blessed will be	versity came in contact with the police	English engineer; Scipio Africanus, Ro man general; Helvetius, French philoso
n defiance of God,	the more and a will be a strand on and the off	six days' abstinence by especial gor-	the remard in heaven for the faithful Christian physician. Some day, through	and militia, has a special interest. Dr.	pher and author; Henry II, the first o
sends for certain		mandizing, which, before night,	overwork or from bending over a pa-	Woodrow, the president, says that the	the Plantagenet line; the elder Pliny, Ro man naturalist and author; Julius Caesar
They come and		makes their amazed digestive organs cry out for a doctor. And that spoils	tient and catching his contagious	representatives of the law were tres-	Charles Kingelay English outhor: Inc.
lotions and pana-		the evening church service for the		passers, although he had given them	Prim, Spanish general and statesman
They sweat him.	an anaesthetic agent. In other days	physician.	lies down faint and sick. He is too	permission to go out upon the campus.	Henry Knox, American revolutionar
m. They blister	they tried to dull human pain by the	Then they are annoyed by people	weary to feel his own pulse or take the	1.3:3 he the these offer the offer	triot; Von Tromp, Dutch admiral; Abra
im. They scarify	hasheesh of the Arabs and the mad-	coming too late. Men wait until the	digonosis of his own community Ho fa	ficers of the state troops were gentle-	ham Lincoln; Marryat, the novelis

him. They drug him. They cut him. repore of the Roman and the Greek, last fortress of physical strength is They kill him. He was only a young but it was left to Dr. James Simp- taken and death has dug around it the earth is ended. Tell those people in the man had a bad disease which, though son to introduce chloroform as an trench of the grave, and then they run office there they need not wait any very painful, seldom proves fatal to a anaesthetic. Alas for the writhing sub- for the doctor. The slight fever which longer. The doctor will never go there young man, and he ought to have got jects of surgery of other centuries! might have been cured with a footbath again. He has written his last pre-Blessed be God for that wet sponge or vial in the hand of the operating sur-

diseased in his feet until his disease medical college or in the sickroom of off Amagansett, and then put ashore in doctor today?" All the sympathies of the domestic circle or on the battle- a yawl, and then come to New York to the neighborhood will be aroused and he sought not to the Lord, but to the field amid thousands of amputations. the marine office and want to get his there will be many prayers that he Napoleon after a battle rode along the vessel insured. Too late for the ship who has been so kind to the sick may be line and saw under a tree standing in the snow Larrey, the surgeon, operating upon the wounded. Napoleon passed on, and twenty-four hours afterward came along the same place, and he saw the same surgeon opera-Bless the instrumentality employed for | ting in the same place, and he had not my recovery." "Now, servant, go and left it. Alas for the battlefields without chloroform. But now the soldier boy takes a few breaths from the sponge and forgets all the pang of the gunshot fracture, and while the surgeons of the field hospital are standof home and mother and heaven. No more parents standing around a suffering child, struggling to get away from the sharp instrument, but mild slumber instead of excruciation, and the child wakes up and says: "Father, what's the matter? What's the doctor here today for?" Oh, blessed be God for James Y. Simpson and the heaven

has become virulent typhus, and the scription for the alleviation of human hacking cough killing pneumonia. As pain. The people will run up to his

men. The point raised is an interesting one from the antiquarian point of view. For many years the students of Princeton if they got into any trouble immediately took refuge on the campus, where they had complete immunity. At Yale the right of asylum ended with the row in 1854, in which one of the townsmen was stabbed to death by a student. The student's fled to South College, which was beleaguered with cannon by the town'smen, who were

The operation of dressing in cold weather in the far north is so elaberate that it is difficult to understand how a deliberate boy or girl in Lapland can be ready for breakfast before dinner

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PRAISE OF

DR. TALMAGE PAYS TO THE MEDICAL

He Takes the Case of Ki the Gout, and Shows Could Not Cure Him-Skill.

It is not often one profession ha couragement for profession, but this by Dr. Talmage con words for a clergym The text is II Chron "And Asa, in the thir of his reign, was dis until his disease was yet in his disease h Lord, but to the phy slept with his fathers

At this season of medical colleges of al cine are giving diplor tors, and at the cap of the cities medical assembling to consul vancement of the int fession, I feel this d priate.

KING ASA'

In my text is Kin gout. High living and vitiated his blood, and him with his inflam feet on an ottoman.] whom he hated, he conjurors or quacks ginve him all sorts of ceas. They bleed him They manipulate h him. They poultice I well, but he fell a victim to charlatanry and empiricism. "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was geon in the clinical department of the though a captain should sink his ship front steps and inquire, "How is the was exceeding great, yet in his disease physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers." That is, the doctors killed him. In this sharp and graphic way the Bible sets forth the truth, that you have no right to shut God out from the realm of pharmacy and therapeutics. If Asa had said: "O Lord. I am sick. get the best doctor you can find"-he would have recovered. In other words, the world wants divinely directed physicians. There are a great many such. The diplomas they received from the academies of medicine were nothing compared with the diploma they received from the High Physician of the universe on the day when they started out and he said to them, "Go heal the sick and cast out the devils of pain and open the blind eyes and unstop the deaf ears." God bless the doctors all the world over, and let all the hospitals and dispensaries and infirmaries and asylums and domestic circles of the earth respond, "Amen." Men of the medical profession we often meet in the home of distress. We shake hands across the cradle of agonized infancy. We join each other in an attempt at solace where the paroxysm of grief demands an anodyne as well as a prayer. We look into each other's symplathetic faces through the dusk as the night of death is falling in the sickroom. We do not have to climb over any barrier today in order to greet at the gates of life when we enter this world and you stand at the gates of death when we go out of it. In the closing moments of our-earthly existence, when the hand of the wife or mother or sister or daughter shall hold our right hand, it will give strength to our dying moment if we can feel the tips of your fingers along the pulse of the left wrist. We do not meet today, as in other days, in houses of distress, but by the pleasant atars of God, and I propose a sermon of helpfulness and good cheer. As in the nursery children sometimes reenact all the scenes of the sickroom, so today you play that you are the patient and that I am the physician, and take my prescription just once. It shall be a tonic, a sedative, a dietetic, a disinfectant, a stimulus and an anodyne at the same time. "Is there not balm in Gilead? Is there not a physician there"

each other, for our professions are in burn and Laurel Hill tell something of full sympathy. You, doctor, are our the story of those men who stood face first and last earthly friend. You stand to face with pestilence in southern cit.

Calvinistic Methodist; Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favorite of Queen Elizabeth: Johann Gasper Spurzheim, German physician and phrenologist, and Frederick II, emperor o. Germany.

A Laplander's Dress

AN HONORABLE CALLING.

In the first place, I think all the medical profession should become Christhey owe to God for the honor he has put upon their calling. No other calling in all the world, except it be that of the Christian ministry, has received so great an honor as yours. Christ himself was not only preacher, but physician, surgeon, aurist, ophthalmologist, and under his mighty power optic and auditory nerve thrilled with light and sound, and catalepsy arose from its fit, and the clubfoot was straightened, and anchylosis went out of the

descended mercies of chloroform. The medical profession steps into the courtroom and after conflicting witnesses have left everything in a fog, by chemical analyses shows the guilt or innocense of the prisoner, as by mathematical demonstration, thus adding honors to medical jusirprudence.

This profession has done wonders for puglic hygienle. How often they have stood between this nation and Asiatic cholera and the yellow fever. The monuments in Greenwood and Mount Auies, until staggering in their own sickness they stumbled across the corpses This profession has been the successful advocate of ventilation, sewerage, drainage and fumigation, until their sentiments were well expressed by Lord Palmerston, when he said to the English nation at the time a fast had been proclaimed to keep off a great pestiwill ravage, notwithstanding all the prayers of this nation. Clean your streets and then call on God for help.' See what this profession has done for human longevity. There was such a fearful substraction from human life that there was a prospect that within a few centuries this world would be left almost inhabitantless. Adam started with a whole eternity of earthly existence before him, but he cut off the

most of it and only comparatively few years were left-only 700 years of life, and then 500, and then 400, and then medical science came in, and since the sixteenth century the average of human life has risen from 18 years to 44 and it will continue to rise until the average of human life will be 50, and it will be 60, and it will be 70, and a man will have no right to die before 90, and the prophecy of Isaiah will be literally fulfilled, "And the child shall die 100 years old." The millennium for the the streets of Jerusalem became an ex- physician getting through with their ting, opening, on every heart. When a

oo late for the patient. WISE DOCTORS.

Then there are many who always blame the doctor because the people ! front window and look out at the passdie, forgetting the divine enactment, ing hearse, and the poor of the city. "It is appointed unto all men once to die." The father in medicine who an- on the street corner, saying, "Oh, how nounced the fact that he had discover- good he was to us all!" But on the ed the art by which to make men in this world immortal, himself died at 47 his old patients who are forever cured. years of age, showing that immortality will come out to welcome him, and the was less than half a century for him. ing around him he lies there dreaming Oh, how easy it is when people die to cry out, "Malpractice." Then the physician must bear with all the whims, and the sophistries, and the deceptions, and the stratagems, and the irritations of the shattered nerves and the beclouded brains of women, and more especially of men, who never know how gracefully to be sick, and who with their salivated mouths curse the doctor, giving him his dues, as they say-about the only dues he will in that case collect. The last bill that is paid is the doctor's bill. It seems so incoherent for a restored patient, with ruddy cheeks and rotund form, to be bothered with a bill charging him for old calomel and jalap. The physicians of this country do more missioary work without charge than all the other professionals put together. From the concert room, from the merry party, from the comfortable couch on a cold night, when the thermometer is five degrees below zero, the doctor must go right away-he always must go right away. To keep up under this nervous strain, to go through this night work, to bear of those whom they had come to save. all these annovances, many physicians

judge ye? Again, the medical profession ought to be Christians because there are prolence: "Clean your streets or death fessional exigencies when they need God. Asa's destruction by unblessed physicians was a warning. There are awful crisis in every medical practice when a doctor ought to know how to pray. All the hosts of ills will sometimes hurl themselves on the weak points of the physical organism, or with equal ferocity will assault the entire line of susceptibility to suffering. The next dose of medicine will decide whether or not that happy home shall be broken up. Shall it be this medicine or that medicine? God help the doctor! Between the five drops and the 200, and then 100, and then 50, and ten drops may be the question of life tians because of the debt of gratitude then the average of human life came to or death. Shall it be the five or the ten 40, and then it droppped to 18. But drops? Be careful how you put that knife through those delicate portions of the body, for if it swing out of the way the sixth part of an inch the patient perishes. Under such circumstances a physician needs not so much consulta-'tion with men of his own calling as he needs consultation with that God who strung the nerves and built the cells and swung the crimson tide through the arteries. You wonder why the souls of men will be the millennium heart throbs, why it seems to open and stiffened tendons, and the foaming for the bodies of men. Sin done, disease shut. There is no wonder about it. It maniac became placid as a child, and will be done, the clergyman and the is God's hand, shutting, opening, shut-

have resorted to strong drink and

God for sympathy and help and have

lived. Which were the wise doctors,

comforted in his last pang. It is all over now. In two or three days his convalescent patients, with shawl wrapped around them, will come to the barefooted and bareheaded, will stand other side of the river of death some of physician of heaven, with locks as white as snow, according to the Apocalyptic vision, will come out and say: "Come in, come in. I was sick and ye visited me."

Caught by a New Game

What's the matter with you?" asked the head of the firm when he came in and found the junior partner pacing the floor like a caged lion, according to the Detroit Free Press.

tween ourselves," camelthe answer in

an irritated voice. "There are some things that a man wants to endure without any assistance or sympathy from others. I was sitting here an hour ago looking through the mail. A well dressed man with pleasnat manners came in and asked for you, stating that there was an important matter of business about which he must talk with you personally. We had a pleasant little that, when he looked a't his watch, said he seemed to have conflicting engagements and asked if he might use the telephone. Of course I consented, and showed him through the next room perished. Others have appealed to into the booth.

> "In about ten minutes he came out smiling, thanked me cordially and said he would be back in half an hour to transact his business with you. He wasn't more than out of the building when the telephone jingled and the main office inquired whom that message to St. Louis should be charged to. "What message?" I yelled, excitedly. " "Why, the one that just wen't over the long distance, of course."

"My knees quaked and my voice quavered as I asked how much it was. "'Just \$15.80.' came the maddening reply.

"'Charge it to me,' I shouted, and then chased wildly around the block looking for the fellow. That was another fool trick. To think of a man of my age and experience being such an infernal chump. I'll hunt that fellow to the ends of the earth. But don't you say a word. Mind you."

A Pointing Horse

Senator George Chahoon, member of the state senate committee on forest fish and game laws, told me that he had a pointing horse that was as reliable as a pointing dog, although the horse pointed by sight instead of by scent. It seems that in the fall, in driving about the woods, he carries a gun in his buggy to shoot such partridges as he may come across. The first time heshot over hish orse the animal was badly frightened, and instead of running, simply sat back in the breeching. crouching near the ground on his hind quarters, and trembled at the noise of the explosion. This became a habit. until now, no longer frightened at the sound of the gun, he appears to be on the watch for birds and often discovers one before his master sees it, and alt once sits back in the breehing and comes to a deald stand until Senator Chahoon shoots, when the horse resumes his normal upright position and goes on till he sees another bird. I state, and was built by William Tod told the senator he should call his & Co., of the same place. It is of cast

horse a setter instead of a pointer, and

A Clever Device

only appeased by the personal entreaties of the president and faculty. At Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin universities the local police of the cities have no jurisdiction within the university precincts, order being maintained by the academic authorities. The police have no power to arrest in the grounds of our colleges nowadays.

The Boss and Campaign 'Contributions (Mr. J. B. Bishop, in the June Forum.) Upon what does the power of the bosses rest? How does it come about that the legislature of New York refards itself as the representative of Mr. Platt rather

than of the people. There is no longer any mystery about this. The power resta upon money, raised as "campaign contri butions" from both individuals and corporations, but mainly from corporations. The system by which this is made to give one man control of the government was originated by Richard Croker, in 1893

when he was boss of Tammany Hall. When the republicans supplanted the "Understand that this is strictly bedemocrats in power, Mr. Platt adopted Mr. Croker's system as his own, and ex tended it over the entire state: I wil cite some of the most outspoken definitions of tihs system which have been made in the recent past, and which, though widely published, have never been contra dicted. Mr. Wheeler H. Peckham, one o the ablest and most honored members of the New York bar, declared in a public speech, in March, 1894, that the payment of money to the boss by corporations as the "price of peace," was general naming one corporation which he said he knew paid \$50,000 yearly, and adding that he had knowledge of a second which paid a similar amount. Mr. Henry O Havemeyer, president of the sugar trust testified before the senate investigating committee at Washington, in June, 1894 that the trust made campaign contribu-

tions each year, to New York political organizations, adding: "Every individual and corporation and firm-trust, or whatever you call it-does these things.'

Pinned Him Down

"John Henry Skidmore," said the irate young woman, "I want to know way you now spurn me, after winning my love and

engaging yourself to marry me?" 'Very well Miss Teeters, if you insisupon it I will tell you."

"I do insist. "You have lately announced yourself believer in theosophy.

"I have. What of it?" "You declare that you have already lived several times on this earth. "I do. Is that any reason why yo should cease to love me? "You say that you lived. in central

Africa at least 2,750 years ago." "Yes, I did." "And in eastern Asia 1,000 years before

that?' "Just so.

"Well, don't you see that all this lisparity between our ages. "I can't see that it does.

Then I will enlighten you. I think that husband and wife should be nearly of the same age, the husband a little older than the wife. Certainly I cannot think of a marriage with you now that have ascertained that there is such a disparity between our : res.' "Very well, Mr. Skidmore, I will see whether the courts will entertain your view of the matter. Tomorrow I begin suit for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage."-Louisville Couriertime. First two suits of thick woolen underclothing are put on, and over these goes a shirt of reindeer skin, with cloth bands to fasten at the wrists; sometimes two of these shirts, or kaptas, are worn, and a reindeer vest beneath them. The trousers are of reindeer skin also. Two pairs of heavy woolen stockings are worn, and the child who puts these on when they are damp is sure to have trouble with his feet. Around the feet a peculiar grass, well dried, is carefully bound, and over all this goes the shoe. Buttons and hooks and eyes are scarce in Lapland; all clothing is fastened by strings, and it is dreadful to think of all the "hard knots" that Lapland children have fumbled over while too sleepy to be amiable.-The Moderator.

The Degeneracy of Our Lawmakers (Professor James H. Hyslop, in the June

Forum.) The trouble, of course, with our degenerating institutions is to get rid of our

lawmakers of the present kind. They are too much interested in postponing or escaping the day of judgment for themselves, to take up any reforms of a local kind. They may even endeavor to divert attention from the evils here considered by raising false issues; hence the work must fall to other hands. While a goodly number of people are well enough convinced that our politicians are a combination of fools and knaves whom it were better to hang and quarter than to send to the legislature for making laws, they are powerless to reform matters until the dense agricultural ignorance on problems of taxation is removed, and property hold. ers are made to see that no more blackmail, in the form of taxes, is imposed to pay political debts by unwise charity, It is certainly an opportune time to agitate widely this great reform, and therewith to modify, directly or indirectly, the tendency to seek relief from taxation by disturbing the currency. Is any class, of the community equal to the emergency?

An Interesting Evolution. (Chicago Times-Herald.)

Congressional methods are passing through a notable evolution, of which conference committee legislation is a part. Ever since Speaker Reed's masterful reduction to absurdity of the old rules of the house and his re-establishment of common sense as the proper guide for the conduct of business a wonderful change has come over the lower house of congress and dispatch is now the watchword. The committees have become more powerful, while individual members are mere ciphers. But the chief committees that are drawing all power to themselves are the committee on rules, which says what measures shall and what shall not be considered and debated in the house, and the committees of conference, which gives form and shape to the legislation that is to have the ultimate sanction of the house and the senate. It is an interesting evolution, though it has not yet reached its completed

The Electrical Plano.

stage.

(Illustrated American.) A piano on an entirely new principle

temporized hospital crowded with convalescent victims of casualty and invalidism. All ages have woven the garland for the doctor's brow. Homer said:

A wise physician, skilled our wounds to heal.

Is more than armies to the public weal."

the control of the best doctors, some of Cicero said. "There is nothing in which men so approach the gods as them poorly paid, some of them not issue if blood, saying, "Thy faith hath when they try to give health to other paid at all. A half starved woman comes out from the low tenement house men." Charles IX made proclamation that all the Protestants in France into the dispensary and unwraps the should be put to death on St. Bartholrags from her babe, a bundle of ulcers omew's day, but made one exception. and rheum and postules, and over that and that the case of Pare, the father of little sufferer bends the accumulated doctor, confounded with what was not French surgery. The battlefields of the American revolution welcomed Drs. Mercer and Warren and Rush. When dispensary in one year 150,000 prescripthe French army was entirely demoral- tions were issued. Why do I show ized by fear of the plague, the leading what God has allowed this profession the next room praying." "Well," said surgeon of that army inoculated himself with the plague to show the sold- Oh, no! The day has gone by for out here and help. He can pray and jers there was no contagion in it, and pompous doctors, with conspicious their courage rose, and they went on to gold headed canes and powered wigs, which were the accompaniments in the the conflict. God has honored this profession all the way through. Oh the days when the barber used to carry advancement from the days when Hip- through the streets of London Dr. Brockelsby's wig, to the admiration pocrates tried to cure the great Pericles and awe of the people, saying: "Make with hellebore and flaxseed poultices way! Here come Dr. Brockelsby's down to far later centuries when Haller announced the theory of respiration, wig." No; I announce these things not and Harvey the circulation of the only to increase the appreciation of blood, and Asceli the uses of the lym- laymen in regard to the work of physiphatic vessels, and Jenner balked the cians, but to stir in the hearts of the worst disease that ever scourged Eu- men of the medical profession a feeling rope, and Sydenham developed the re- of gratitude to God that they have been cuperative forces of the physical or- allowed to put their hand to such a ganism, and cinchona bark stopped the magnificent work and that they have Old Dr. Gasherie De Witt, a practishivering agues of the world, and Sir been called into such illustrious com- tioner of New York, told me in his last

work at the same time.

DOCTORS FOR THE POOR.

said to the blind, "Receive thy sight." But it seems to me that the most When a doctor comes to treat a parabeautiful benediction of the medical lytic arm, he ought to be in communicaprofession has been dropped upon the tion with him who said, "Stretch forth poor. No excuse now for any one's not thy hand, and he streched it forth."

having scientific attendance. Dispensa-When a man comes to doctor a bad ries and infirmaries everywhere, under case of hemorrhage, he needs to be in communication with him who cured the saved thee."

PIETY AND MEDICAL SKILL.

man comes to doctor the eye, he ought

to be in communication with him who

I do not mean to say that piety will make up for medical skill. A bungling wisdom of the ages, from Esculapius a very bad case, went into the next down to last week's autopsy. In one room to pray. A skilled physician was called in. He asked for the first practitioner. "Oh," they said, "he's in to do? Is it to stir up your vanity? the skilled doctor, "tell him to come work alt the same time." It was all in that sentence. Do the best we can and ask God to help us. There are no two men in all the world, it seems to me, that so much need the grace of God as the minister who doctors the sick soul and 'the physician who prescribes for the disease body.

Another reason why the medical profession ought to be Christians is because there opens before them such a grand field for Christian usefulness, You see so many people in pain, in trouble, in bereavement. You ought to leaf was fastened to, or hooked upon. be the voice of heaven to their souls. Astley Cooper and Abernethy, and pany. Have you never felt a spirit of days, "I always present the religion of Sportsman.

perhaps he will accept the amendment. -Correspondence Forest and Stream.

In front of a window where I worked last summer was a butternut tree. A humming-bird built her nest on a limb that grew near the window, and we had an opportunity to watch her closely. In fact, we could look right into the nest. One day, when there was a heavy shower coming up, we thought we would see if she covered her young during the rain. When the first drops fell she came and took in her bill one of two or three large leaves growing close by and laid this leaf over the nest so as completely to cover it; then she flew away. On examining the leaf the nest was a small stick that the

A Monster Flywheel

Journal.

The largest fly-wheel in use in this country is 40 feet in diameter and weighs 192,000 pounds.

Four hundred hore-power is required to turn this monster and, when the full power is on, a point upon the circumference of the wheel traveils five and one-third miles every minute. The wheel in question is a part of the enormous plant of the Ohio Steel Company, at Youngstown, in the Buckeye iron, the rim being three-inch thick plates bolted together. The engine dirving this wheel has a cylinder measuring forty-six inches in diameter and sixty inches in length.

Ths engine is one of three used to generate the power required to mill the a new style of music is needed to bring steel. The other two have fly-wheels weighing only 144,000 pounds each. In addition there are a number of smaller engines, the total horse-power of which aggregates the respectable total of 3.200

the late Count Gleichen when he was an ambassador in London. At a dinner party it was his hard luck to have conducted to table a lady of a taciturn and unresponsive nature. To all his we found a hole in it and in the side of polite nothings she answered not a word. Nothing daunted, he continued After the storm was over, the old bird she slowly turned her head toward him to every proven case. The senseless came back and unbooked the leaf, and and deliberate yawned. "Ah, madam," and brutal idea that mutilation of our the nest was perfectly dry .- American he said, loudly, "I also have got gold domestic animals is ornamental needs in my teeth."

is announced from Germany. The strings are stretched across the sounding board as in the ordinary piano, but the entire hammer mechanism is absent. Instead, the depressing of the key puts in action a magnet, which automatically attracts and releases the wire, thus producing vibrations without the metallic stroke which accompanies the sound in the common type. The resulting effect upon the tones is said to be very remarkable. The high notes resemble those of an Aeolian harp. The middle and lower notes are like a 'cello or an organ. It responds readily to every variation in power and expression. A note can be sounded for several minutes without varying in quality. So radically different from all existing instruments are the effects that out its capabilities.

Senseless and Brutal.

(Baltimore American.)

The Society for the Prevention of Crueity to Animals succeeded in having a prominent horseman in New Jersey heavily fined for docking his horse's tail, attention being drawn to the case by the cries of the animal itself under torture. It is to be hoped that in time this cruel and disfiguring practice will entirely pass away, and other states would do well to follow the example of New Jersey in hastening its to ply her with small talk, till at last decay by severe laws, strictly applied a humane and efficient check.

Punished for Yawning An English paper tells the story of