a large size or not; it appeared, however, that it was very firm; and, on introducing a probe into one of the fistules, that the necrotic bone was loosely surrounded by it. On the 17th of August, M. Dupuytren performed the following operation: two of the fistulous openings, which were distant about an inch from each other, having been united by an incision, the inferior portion of the osseous cavity was opened, and a piece of necrotic bone, two inches in length and one in height, extracted. On examining the posterior portion of the wound, M. Dupuytren found another moveable piece of bone, which was readily extracted, and found to be the necrotic angle of the jaw-bone. The roots of the teeth were easily felt by the finger in the wound; those of the molar teeth were very loose. A tent was put in the wound, and the whole covered with dry lint. Subsequent to the operation, the purulent matter was discharged through the wound only, although the external opening into the cavity of the mouth had been considerably enlarged by the extraction of the necrotic bone; so much so, that almost the whole of the gargle used by the patient escaped externally. The violent pain in the maxillary bone had disappeared almost immediately after the operation, within a few days after which it was considered proper to remove the tent from the wound, which eventually contracted; suppuration was healthy, and not very abundant; the osseous cavity gradually became smaller, and, on the 4th of September, the teeth of the left side of the lower jaw were as firm as those on the right. On the 6th of September, M. Dupuytren examined the fistula on the right side of the lower jaw, which he found to be necrotic; he intends to perform the same operation as on the left side, as soon as he finds the bone moveable.—*Lancette Française*.

LAPIS INFERNALIS, *sive* LAPIS DIVINUS,
(*Ph. Lond.*)

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Though you may consider the *name* of a medicine of little consequence, yet I take the liberty of correcting the mistake you have made in the appellation of the above droll compound, and request that on all future occasions, you will designate this species of *lapis* by the term *divinus*, instead of *infernalis*, as it is a lineal descendant, as well as the favourite *application* to all patients, of your old friend, the “Divine Doctor!!”

Your obedient servant,
SOLOMON BRANDE.
The Owl's Nest, Windmill Street.
Sept. 29th, 1829.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

DR. RYAN has in the press a second edition of his *Manual of Midwifery*, or a *Summary of the Science and Practice of Obstetric Medicine*.

Dr. John Hennen, of the Royal Military Asylum, Southampton, is preparing for the press the work of the late Dr. Hennen on the *Topography of the British Mediterranean Islands*, in which an account of the manners, customs, and diseases of the inhabitants, is given.

The third edition of Dr. Hennen's *Principles of Military Surgery*, will be published early in October.

Mr. Peter Wilson, R.N., M.R.C.S. London and Edinburgh, late surgeon of the Civil Hospital, Gibraltar, is preparing for publication, *A Treatise on the late Epidemic Fever* which appeared in that Garrison. It will be illustrated by numerous cases.

BOOKS FOR REVIEW.

SIMPLICITY of Health Exemplified by Hortator. Second edition, greatly enlarged. London, Effingham Wilson, 1829. 12mo. pp. 264.

A Practical Treatise on Acute Abdominal and Pelvic Inflammation, containing a comprehensive Clinical View of Inflammation of the Stomach, Bowels, Peritoneum, Uterus, &c., with a certain and expeditious method of Cure. By David Nicholas Bates, Medical Practitioner. London, Baldwin. 8vo., pp. 136.

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ERRATUM.

In Dr. Penneck's paper, p. 680, column 1, line 34, of the last volume, after “flexible,” add, “and thus they eluded the force employed by Mr. Key.”