HOPITAL DE VAL-DE-GRACE.

GASTRITIS, CAUSED BY A FALL ON THE HEELS!

At the end of March, a soldier, twenty-three years of age, of a vigorous constitution, fell from a height of twelve feet, straight on his heels. He remained giddy for a few minutes, after which he went to the hospital, where he was immediately admitted. M. Broussais, after having examined the patient, declared the disease to be gastritis, and ordered him to be bled. On the following day, the patient being quite well, and requiring no further treatment, was discharged; and M. Broussais observed, that a fall from a great height nearly always produces gastritis, by the disturbance it causes in the abdominal circulation.—*Lanc. Française.*

NITRATE OF SILVER IN EPILEPSY.

Dr. Wedemeyer, of Hanover, relates the case of an epileptic patient, who, after the use of nitrate of silver for eighteen months, was completely cured of his complaint; but the skin, as generally happens in cases of this kind, became of a black colour. Some time afterwards, the patient died from disease of the liver and anasarca. On examination of the body, the plexus choroides was of a dark-blue colour; and some of the viscera having been submitted to a chemical analysis, were found to contain a considerable quantity of silver.—*Rust's Kritisches Repertorium.*

OSPEDALE DI PARMA.

ASCITES SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY COMPRESSION.

At the end of last year, a middle-aged female was admitted into the clinical wards of M. Speranza, with a large dropsical swelling of the abdomen, which, according to her statement, had followed an attack of peritonitis after difficult labour. She was in a state of great exhaustion, of cachectic appearance, and in constant fever; the abdomen was considerably swelled; urine scanty, and high-coloured; the bowels costive, and digestion much deranged. The use of squills, aperients, and mercury, having produced no alteration whatever, M. Speranza determined upon trying the effect of strong compression of the abdomen, of the beneficial effects of which, the observations of Gouelle and Recamier, and more lately those of Monton, have given very ample proofs. The secretion of urine was, within

a short time, augmented in such a degree, as greatly to reduce the size of the abdomen, at the end of three weeks, no trace of fluctuation could be discovered. Under the continued employment of the bandage, the use of tonics, and a nutrient diet, the patient rapidly recovered her strength, and was, eight weeks after her admission, discharged perfectly cured.—*Annali di Medicina.*

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF APOTHECARIES.

THE following documents establish the truth of much of what we advanced last week, respecting the illiberal conduct of this miserable Company towards medical students:—

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I have enclosed a certificate of dispensary of practice, which, together with the following facts, you are at liberty to make what use you think proper.

On the publication of the last regulations of the Court of Examiners of the Apothecaries' Company, I applied to Mr. WATSON, to know whether they would receive a certificate of dispensary practice, attended before their last "regulations" came into force, and was answered, "No, because it cost me nothing, as I had attended the dispensary during my apprenticeship, and had not begun the expensive part of my medical education." I have since taken the certificate to Mr. WATSON, and he (has again) said it would not do, and also that all the teachers in London had allowed, that the system of education as required by the new regulations is the best.

I remain Sir,
Yours &c.

ROBERT JOWETT.
83, St. Martin's-lane, Westminster,
May 11, 1829.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify, that Mr. Robert Jowett has diligently attended the medical and surgical practice of St. Mary's Hospital and Dispensary, Nottingham, for THREE YEARS; during which period, the average number of patients exceeded 2000 annually.

Signed. ALEX. MANSON, M.D.
HENRY OLDKNOW, Surgeon.
THOS. JOWETT, } Resident
 } Surgeon.
Nottingham, 3d April, 1827.