

utility when combined with a study of the history during life of the case from which the preparation has been derived. Hence we find that in nearly all cases there has been appended to the description of the specimen a short clinical history of the case from which the specimen was derived. This is a principle which is at once sound and of great practical utility in its accomplishment. The thanks of all Guy's students are due to Drs. Shaw and Perry, as well as those of the profession at large who may wish to use the museum for research or record.

Short and Easy Book keeping, a Concise System of Double Entry. (A Handbook for Traders and Students). By S. W. FLINT, Chartered Accountant. (Published by Effingham, Wilson, and Co., Royal Exchange. 6d.)—This little book, which has reached its twenty fifth thousand, contains within the compass of its 44 pages all necessary information for the keeping of accounts in a clear and satisfactory manner. Mr. S. W. Flint's method has the recommendation of extreme simplicity.

REPORTS AND ANALYSES

AND

DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW INVENTIONS

IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, DIETETICS, AND THE
ALLIED SCIENCES.

APENTA WATER.

WE have received from the Apollinaris Company specimens of the new Hunyadi water which they are about to introduce under the name of "Apenta." Apenta is a natural aperient water drawn from the Uj Hunyadi springs, near Buda-Pesth. It affords those guarantees of uniform strength and composition which have long been wanting in the best known Hunyadi waters. The chemical composition of the water, according to the analysis of Professor L. Liebermann, Director of the Royal Hungarian State Chemical Institute in the Ministry of Agriculture, Buda-Pesth, is as follows:

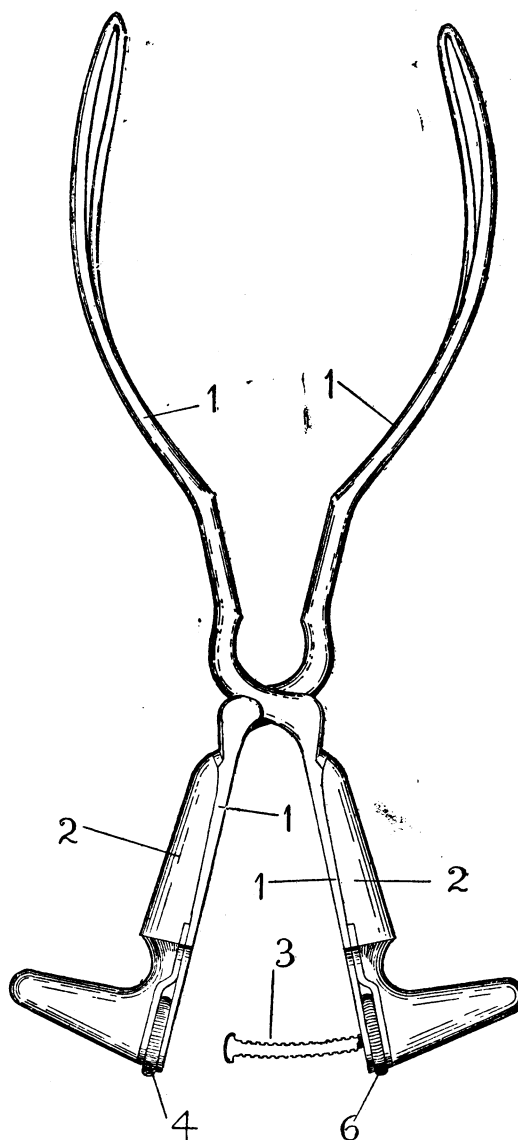
Sulphate of soda	...	...	15.4320
Sulphate of magnesia	...	...	24.4968
Sulphate of lime	...	...	1.0989
Chloride of sodium	...	...	1.8720
Bicarbonate of lime	...	...	0.8843
Bicarbonate of protoxide of iron	...	...	0.0189
Silicic acid	...	...	0.0100

Besides these constituents, the water contains traces of lithium and potassium. The specific gravity, at 15° C., amounts to 1041.4. Professor Liebermann states that "in view of the fact that both the quantity of the solid constituents and also their relative proportions in the bitter water Uj Hunyadi, correspond generally to the proportions found also in other Ofen bitter waters; for instance, in Hunyadi Janos, the same considerations are guiding from a medicinal point of view in forming an opinion of water of the Uj Hunyadi springs. What is striking in the Uj Hunyadi water is the proportion between the sulphate of soda and the sulphate of magnesia which is favourable for a bitter water. The quantity of the latter is the greater. According to all this, I do not hesitate to declare that I know of no stronger or more favourably constituted natural bitter water than the natural bitter water Uj Hunyadi." "Apenta" is agreeable to the palate, can be taken with impunity, and is an exceptionally efficacious aperient.

AN ADJUSTABLE LOCK FOR OBSTETRIC FORCEPS.

THIS addition to the ordinary forceps has been devised by Mr. Edmond McW. Bourke with the object of enabling the obstetrician to fix or lock the forceps after they have been applied. By its means it is possible, by the turning of a milled head in the one handle, to lock or unlock the forceps in a moment, while by the turning of a similar milled head in the other handle the apparatus can be adjusted to any extent of separation of the blades which may be desired. The forceps can thus be at once fixed in any position, so far as the relation of the blades to one another is concerned, and with equal rapidity released without any assistance and

without any relaxation of the grip with which they are being held.



The locking arrangement consists of a flattened metal bar, which when not wanted lies buried in the handle. On turning a milled head or wheel, through a screw-grooved hole in the centre of which it passes, the bar can be protruded towards the opposite handle, into which its head can be made to lock by a quarter turn of a similar milled wheel on that side. These small wheels only protrude from the handles sufficiently to enable them to be easily turned. The accompanying woodcut sufficiently explains the apparatus. Mr. Bourke's idea has been carried out by Messrs. Arnold and Sons, West Smithfield, from whom the forceps can be obtained.

RHINODYNE.

RHINODYNE, which is recommended as valuable in the treatment of hay fever, is a modified form of the snuff recommended by Dr. Ferrier as a remedy for cold in the head. It contains bismuth subnitrate with a cocaine salt in place of the morphine of the original recipe. It also contains a little menthol and nearly 40 per cent. of lycopodium powder.