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cently a physician, dwelling upon how to treat children's bruises, told of a simple method to sterilize a needle that was to be used to pick out a splinter or other foreign substance often jabbed into small boys' hands or knees through their reckless falling. If the needle is passed through an alcohol flame or boiling water and used without touching the point with the fingers, it is safe. The average mother thinks if she uses a needle instead of a pin she has conceded all that is required of her, but the surgeon, keen to the dangers of germ contamination, knows that a step fur

in the mother's medicine chest of a little gutta percha tissue such as every one who has had a tooth filled will recognize. This will be found to be of great service in covering any moist dressing of wounds, as it protects the clothing from the wet and also retains the moisture which it is needed to preserve in

and profound thinker Francois de la Mothe le Vayer said abort the Spaniards of the eighteenth century: "They are melancholy, treacherous, inhospita-ble, miserly, superstitions, importunato in their courtesy, but constant, determined, taciturn, admirable foot sol-diers, enduring hunger, thirst, all the fatignes of war, accomplishing by the head rather than the hand and gaining more by ruses and stratagems than by open force. \* \* The Spaniard is courteous at the start, contenting himself with remarking quietly all that which is of value in a place, but his leave tak-

critic threw him only by his anonymity. At one time he found it necessary in re-viewing a book written by a native of the Emerald Isle to treat it with un-wonted severity. In conversing of this book and the incompetence of its writer with a literary friend one day the an-thor, a gigantic Irishman, entered the room in a great rage, vowing vengeance against the remorseless critic. Standin very near the critic, he raised his hu fist and exclaimed, "And if I know will it was I'd bate him !" Mr. Southey of served a profound silence and quietly retired, reserving his laugh for a less