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*Medical Police or Public Hygiene*, founded upon the deductions of science, and the results of experience, and regulated by an enlightened legislation, exists not among us. And yet how pressing the necessity! It is true our country is no longer periodically decimated by ravages of plague, sweating sickness and other infectious diseases that a few centuries ago carried off its hundreds of thousands, yet we have epidemic visitations of typhoid, small-pox, malignant scarlet fever, diphtheria, and that sufficiently frequently one would have thought to have aroused not merely the exertions of philanthropic humanity to the relief of the attendant sufferings, but also to have alarmed selfish or careless apathy into the endeavour of providing preventives and precautions. If there is one axiom more indisputable than another in medical experience, it is that where filth and dirt prevail, that where the neglected habitations of a crowded, squalid and wretched population exist, there will be found especially the ravages of epidemic disease to prevail so that the direction of its progress over a town or district may be unerringly predicted by one acquainted with the topography of the misery of the neigh-