

that by the diminution of apparent restrictions upon liberty, greater quietness and contentment are secured, which have the effect of promoting recovery.

**THE MORALITY OF MEDICINE.**—The criminal statistics of Brooklyn for the past year show 25,906 arrests were made by the police. One was a clergyman, one an editor, eight were artists, six actors, two custom-house officers, *forty-seven lawyers* (Jerusalem !), and eleven undertakers ; but not a physician was there in the lot.—*Ex.*

**PSYCHOLOGISTS BEWARE !**—The *Union Medicale* reports that Dr. Legrand du Saull, one of the celebrated alienist physicians of Paris, was recently prosecuted for defamation, he having related, at a meeting of the Societe Medico-Psychologique, the case of a person who, according to his view, was insane—his account of the case appearing in the journal of the Society. When this person was liberated from the asylum in which he had been detained, he immediately brought an action against the narrator of his case. Dr. Legrand made no reply to this strange accusation, but the tribunal in its judgment, exonerated him from all penalty, inasmuch as the report of a learned society—published without any intention to do harm, and purely with a scientific object—does not fall within the application of the law.—*Med. Press.*

**ANCHYLOSIS OF THE NECK—FORCIBLE EXTENSION—DEATH.**  
—An extraordinary procedure is related in the *New York Hospital Gazette*. A patient affected with ankylosis of the cervical vertebræ fell into the hands of a homeopath. The deformity was so great that the patient's head touched his chest. The physician accepted the patient's diagnosis of "rheumatism," concluded that the trouble was in the muscles, and advised an operation for the removal of the deformity. On the day appointed the patient was etherised, and his body and shoulders bound to the table by bandages. Additional bandages having been applied to the head, traction was made on these with all the strength that two men could exert, until the neck was straightened. During the pulling, sudden cracking noises were heard twice, but this caused no alarm to the surgeons (?) present, who continued their efforts, and finally succeeded in taking a human life by breaking the man's neck. The patient died on the table.