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The work is to be in atlas form, similar to Fox's Photographic Atlas of Skin Diseases, published by the same house. A strong feature of the work will be its illustrations, reproduced from recent photographs, the major portion of which will be so coloured as to give a very faithful representation of typical cases of variola in the successive stages of the disease, also unusual phases of variola, vaccinia, varicella, and diseases with which smallpox is liable to be confounded. These illustrations number thirty-seven, and will be grouped into ten coloured plates, 9 1-2 by 10 1-4 inches, and six black and white photographic plates.

The names of Dr. Fox and his associates assure the excellence of the work, in which will be described the symptoms, course of the disease, characteristic points of diagnosis and most approved methods of treatment.

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#### AMERICAN PRECOCITY IN FEMALE PUBERTY.

Dr. Geo. J. Englemann, of Boston, in a report at the recent meeting of the American Gynaecological Association in Chicago, gave the results of over 10,000 observations as to the time of first menstruation of American-born women. As a result of his investigation, he concludes that the American-born are more precocious than the women of other countries in the same zone; 14 is the age of puberty in the United States and Canada; 15.5 in the temperate zone of Europe. But racial characteristics fade rapidly away in America, the age of puberty in Germany being 15.5 to 16, in Ireland, 15.3, and for the girl born in America, of German or Irish parentage, 14.5. The Canadian French alone of all races are more precocious than the American of the same class when born