

side will be turned toward you. Go with the woolly side out and all will be well, and success crown your efforts."

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The Philadelphia *Medical Times* has drawn attention to the inconvenient and unscientific habit of labeling diseases with the name of its discoverer. It alludes to an article in a recent number of the *Archives de Medicine Experimentale*, headed "Curable Gangrene of the Lung of Lasègue." This article has a sub-heading, "A variety of Gangrene of the Lung depending on the modification of the dilated Extremities of the Bronchi of Briquet." One is tempted to ask who Lasègue and Briquet were, and what excuse there was for tacking their names on to gangrene of the lung. We imagine that this labeling process is due to several reasons. One is that the sister sciences honor discoverers in a similar manner; another is that grateful pupils have chosen this method of honoring their masters and perpetuating their names. Many other possibilities of origin exist. One fact for which we may be devoutly thankful is that in most instances these remarkable men have had remarkable names. It would have been distressing if we had had five or six Smith's diseases, or had had to remember that P. Q. Jones' disease was a warty affection of the feet, whilst S. K. Jones' was impacted ear wax.

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## THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

We believe that our readers, whether they be surgical enthusiasts or not, are deeply interested in the wounds inflicted on our brave troops, and will read with absorbing interest the details which will be found below. This is the first great war which has taken place since the introduction of the new Magazine Rifle, with which most of the Boers, as well as the British, are armed. Their well-known accuracy of fire is, of course, responsible for the large number of killed and wounded, which, we should judge, is unusually large, when the number engaged is taken into consideration. It would seem as if exceptionally good results are likely to be