

THE GERMAN PHYSICIANS OF THE LATE EMPEROR.—The German Emperor has conferred on Professor von Bergmann the Star and Cross of the Royal Order of Hohenzollern, and on Professors Gerhardt and Schrötter the Order of the Red Eagle (of the second class).

SCIENTIFIC CONGRESSES IN 1889.—In connection with the exposition in Paris in 1889 there will be held international congresses of hydrology and climatology, of hygiene, of dermatology and syphilography, of electricians, of physiology, and of therapeutics. The committees on organizations have been appointed, and it is probable that the names of the officers will be soon announced.

FETID SWEATING OF THE FEET.—The *Kriegs-Sanitas Ordnung* recommends a powder composed of three parts of salicylic acid, ten of starch, and eighty-seven of talc. Five grammes suffice for one application, but this remedy being not always convenient, the Prussian military laws prescribe a salicylic suet (salicylic acid, two parts; mutton suet, 100 parts).—*Archives de Med. et de Pharm. Militaires*.

QUEER REMEDIES.—A correspondent of the *Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter* says that he knows a man in his neighborhood, styling himself a physician, who recommends the following for epilepsy: Take the false tongue of a new born calf, which, he says, grows under the real tongue during intra-uterine life; dry thoroughly and powder, and give from five to ten grains three times a day.

A MISHAP TO AN AMATEUR DOCTOR.—The newspapers record a somewhat amusing incident that lately happened to a person who tried to bring a man out of an epileptic paroxysm by pouring cold water into his mouth and upon his neck. After a slight struggle, according to the account, the epileptic sank back apparently dead, whereupon the manipulator of the water became intensely anxious and placed his ear at the mouth of the patient, who straightway caught the ear between his teeth and proceeded to chew it until "its beauty had vanished." An ar-