

ing, some time after the commission of the deed, all were dead. The lady was of a most lovable disposition, had been devoted to her husband and family, and had shown no symptoms of insanity except occasional attacks of melancholia, for which she could not account, and which she bravely endeavoured to overcome. Her devoted husband, with an affectionate concern for her condition, had arranged to have her accompany him on a pleasure trip the next day; but he came home in the evening to find himself suddenly deprived of his entire family. A greater calamity could not befall any one, and coming thus upon Dr. Seguin, calls forth the deepest and most heartfelt sympathy of his many friends. May he have the strength to bear this terrible affliction.—*N. Y. Med. Record.*

NEW PARASITES.—We have before us a clipping from the editorial columns of a daily paper, in which the recent investigations of Koch are humorously referred to. The editor then goes on to state that, “While Germany has thus given to the world a discovery of presumably vast importance, Wisconsin has not been idle. Dr. Buhl, a distinguished physician of that State, has just made a discovery as to the origin and proper treatment of broken legs, which is, on the whole, rather more valuable than the discovery of Professor Koch. It has long been noticed that broken legs prevail in thickly settled parts of the country much more generally than in thinly settled regions. It is also undeniable that wherever railroads penetrate, broken legs become common. These facts are sufficient to enable us to assume that there is something in thickly settled regions that is favourable to the development of broken legs, and that this something—whatever it may be—is carried far and wide by railway trains. Dr. Buhl, who is an ardent believer in the germ theory of nearly all diseases, claims that he has discovered a vegetable parasite which infests the human trousers and causes broken legs. Within the past year he has examined with the microscope 36 cases of broken leg, and in every case has found this parasite in the accompanying trousers. In the course of the last six months he has placed garments cut after the manner of trousers and inoculated with the parasite in question upon the fore-legs of