

**ANOTHER POISONOUS DYE.**—The green flannel which lines gum boots is said to have given rise to severe local symptoms, attributed to arsenious salts used to give it its color.

THE *Bombay Gazette* states that proposals have been made, and will probably be carried into effect, for establishing sanatoria on the hills for the wives and families of European soldiers. It is said this want has long been felt.

**OVER-CROWDING.**—Dr. Russell, of Glasgow, in his invaluable reports upon the health of that city, has conclusively shown that the death-rate, in its various statistical subdivisions, is invariably governed by the proportion of families living in single rooms.

THE *Lancet* notices two instances in which disease was undoubtedly transmitted from human beings to domestic animals. In one case dogs took small-pox from human patients, and in the other the hooping-cough was communicated to a cat from children. Might not animals communicate such diseases to human beings?

**TWO SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION.**—Dr. H. B. Baker, Secretary of the State Board of Health, Michigan, reported at the July meeting, that, at the meeting in May, at Louisville, of the American Medical Association, Dr. Bowditch, of Massachusetts, spoke of the ventilation of sewers, privies, etc., by shafts conveying the gases to the tops of the houses. He suggested the question whether the gases are properly disposed of in that manner, and related a case where the upper rooms of a dwelling had a disagreeable odor from that source. And that a paper was read by Dr. Thoms, of New York, on "Floating Hospitals," advocating this method of giving the children of cities fresher and purer air than they can obtain in tenement-houses. During the discussion, Dr. Wilson, Medical Director of the United States Navy, remarked that his experience led him to believe that "malaria" would never pass a continuous surface of water of one mile in width; that a river two miles in width, even though passing through a deadly malarious region, might be traversed safely if one did not go ashore.