

Recently at an inquest in England, upon a child which had died through criminal neglect, the jury added to their verdict that their opinion was that the law ought to compel persons to obtain medical advice for their children when ill.

As regards the best manner of protecting the public from quackery, we have nothing to say. Let there be the best possible protection. The present law may be improved from time to time as seems best. But all the arguments of the *Globe* against the principle of protection remind one of those used in school-boy debating clubs; ingenious enough, but wanting in that weight and force which a belief in the truth of the argument gives—used for the sake of argument. In fact it is difficult to believe that the writer of the articles himself believes in the truth of what he is writing. Truly the “way” of the organ is as “the way of a ship in the midst of the sea,” had it existed in the time of Solomon it would have been one of those things which were “too wonderful” for him.

MILK; DARKNESS AND SILLSLOPS.

The time is drawing near when milch cows cannot graze in the open fields, but will require to be sheltered and fed—upon what? It is a well-known fact that milk is readily affected by the nature of the food consumed by the animals yielding the milk; every one knows how common it is for milk to be flavored with substances used as food. Dr. H. B. Baker (Sec. State Bd. of Health, Mich.) says, (last annual report), “If milch cows eat grain or hay affected with smut, or drink it in water, it seems quite probable that the milk will contain at least a portion of the poisonous principle.” And again, “Act No. 26, laws of Mich., 1873, very properly forbids the sale of milk from cows *fed on refuse from distilleries or breweries*; for the very good reason that such milk has been proved to be injurious to persons using it.” As to using milk from unhealthy or diseased cows, one need hardly mention it; no one would *knowingly* use it. A late number