

over the milk supply of the city, and should be glad to hear of more stringent regulations coming into force.

DEFICIENT LATINITY.—A correspondent follows up a recent communication by some criticisms upon the Report of the General Hospital. Perhaps the remarks made by both writers may have a salutary effect upon the future published statements of our medical charities, “S. minor” believes that, with more shrewdness than his neighbours, he has made a discovery—viz., that the communication of “Scrutator” was written by the Editor. The Editor is sorry to inform him that his find is a *mare’s nest*, and begs to say that any remarks he has to make to his readers are to be found in their customary department, and nowhere else.

### Medical Items.

PERSONAL.—Dr. J. B. Lawford (McGill) has been appointed Assistant House-Physician to St. Thomas’ Hospital, London.

A DISTINCTION OF INFANTICIDES.—The law in Schwetz, Switzerland, as just adopted by the local legislature, very singularly makes a distinction between legitimate and illegitimate children. The crime of infanticide will be punished with death only when the victim is a child born in wedlock.

AN EPIDEMIC OF PERNICIOUS ANÆMIA, which has recently been observed among the miners of the St. Gothard tunnel, is attributed, by Dr. Perroncito, to the presence of certain parasites in the intestines. Three different kinds of worms have been found in the dejections. One of these, an anchylostoma, is called *Dochimus duodenalis*: the others are varieties of *anguillula*.

NON-RESTRAINT IN THE TREATMENT OF THE INSANE.—Dr. Rutherford, of the Parochial Asylum, at Woodilee, Scotland, states in his recent annual report that, mainly through fully occupying the patients, and thereby counteracting the tendency to manifestation of their insane ideas, it has been found practicable to carry out the open-door system of treatment. All the doors of the asylum open with ordinary handles, and only the chief attendants are in possession of a key. Dr. R. believes