

in cases of tuberculosis of the joints. In a third case, there had been chills, emaciation, loss of appetite, and swelling and pain of the testicle; the organ was found to consist almost entirely of broken-down tissue, and the tunica vaginalis had become obliterated. Dr. Gerster, who exhibited the specimens before the New York Pathological Society, remarked that in such cases the diagnosis could now be made much earlier than was formerly done, thus leading to proper treatment by extirpation; whereas it used to be the practice to let the condition remain until a fistulous opening formed in the scrotum, producing the so-called hernia testis. In the patients above mentioned, no physical signs of tuberculosis were detected in any other parts of the body; the general symptoms—rigors, sweats, &c.,—disappear on the removal of the diseased testicles.—*New York Medical Journal*, February 23rd.

The Anti-Vivisection Agitation from a Layman's Point of View.—George Augustus Sala, in his "Notes of the Week," in a late number of *The Illustrated London News*, writes :—

"The Committee of the Anti-Vivisection Society have sent me a circular referring to a meeting of the members and supporters of the Society to be held on Friday, May 9th.

"I have nothing to say myself against vivisection (when placed under proper legal restrictions), for the simple reason that for fifty years I have been in constant contact with the doctors, and have known some of the most eminent surgeons of the last and the present generations.

"I was, in early childhood, that which I once heard my mother's maid, in conversation with a friend, describe me as being 'a miserable little hobject;' and the doctors were continually doing things to me. I am, in many respects, a miserable object now, and require to be periodically patched up by the faculty. And I will say naught against vivisection, because I never yet met with a cruel doctor; and because I firmly believe medical men to be among the most humane, the most generous, the most unselfish of mankind; and I indignantly denounce the