

which it caused. It is not altogether surprising, therefore, that there exists in France and possibly elsewhere in Continental Europe, a "League Against Seasickness." This body, it is reported, proposes to charter a steamer and invite some 600 physicians to sail from Hamburg, Antwerp and French ports to Lisbon at the time of the International Medical Congress. It is expected that experimental study of the subject will be conducted, and that in this way practical tests of the various methods of treating the condition can be carried out. The projectors should consult naval architects in the selection of the vessel or in the provisions for its outfitting and ballasting. If they secure a sufficiently lively craft, and the Bay of Biscay and other seas are propitious or unpropitious, according to the point of view, some valuable subjective and objective testimony may be educed. The experiment will be worth watching.—*J. A. M. A.*

#### Chloroform Death without Chloroform.

Prof. Raymond, of Paris, relates in the *Progrès Médical* for January 13th that when he was a student his professor was lecturing one day on the danger of death from chloroform and how to avoid it, talking over a patient who evidently understood little of the lecture except the words danger and death. When Raymond approached to begin to administer the chloroform the patient passed into syncope before a whiff of chloroform had been given, and it was a long time before he could be resuscitated. In a recent suit for damages for a death during chloroform administration, it was proved that the patient had been much afraid of the anesthetic, and had said to one of the assistants: "You will come to my funeral, wcn't you?" Raymond concludes that death may occur from sheer dread of the chloroform, and that the witnesses of such an accident are not responsible for the fatality.

#### The Irrational Stand of the Antivivisectionist.

The enormous sacrifice of animal life to provide the meat for the extra feasting at Christmas is the subject of comment by the *Medical Press* (London). "Man's merriment in this instance," it says, "is inseparably connected by long tradition with an enormously devastating sacrifice of life among the lower animals. . . . How many antivivisectionists, whose mental attitude commands our sympathy although not our respect, have ever paused to consider the inwardness of the Christmastide slaughter? Have they ever looked analytically