

These are published under the editorship of the Professor of Agriculture, who is Dr. Oscar Loew, the well-known chemist and physiologist. Publications such as these are of special interest because they open up what is very largely a new field in science ; the Japanese animals and the Japanese food and agricultural products being the subjects of the papers, and these are often very different from our own.

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AN INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF A PROFESSOR.—When M. Jules Bergeron was pronouncing his eulogy of Prof. Gubler before the Academie de Médecine, he narrated an interesting episode in the life of the late Beaujon physician. Gubler, as a student, was exceedingly poor, and it was only by dint of submission to the greatest privation that he contrived to complete his curriculum. His masters were aware of his poverty, and, in order to help him, one of them recommended him as attendant to a youth of ancient lineage who was the victim of incipient melancholia. Travel having been recommended with a view to the patient's rehabilitation, the pair started for Switzerland, where for a time they enjoyed themselves very much and also became great friends. From Switzerland they crossed the Alps into Italy, and halted at Milan, the journey so far having been as prosperous as possible. One evening, as patient and physician were about to retire for the night, the former was suddenly seized with a paroxysm of furious madness. Levelling a pistol, he discharged it point blank at the unfortunate Gubler, who at once fell fainting to the floor, and then grasping a knife the patient proceeded to hack the insensible physician's head in the most savage manner. Alarmed by the noise, the hotel servants then appeared on the scene, and the lunatic was disarmed. Gubler was immediately carried to the hospital, where, almost by a miracle, he eventually recovered from his wounds. The revolver bullet, which lodged in his thorax, was, however, never extracted, and to the day of his death the cicatrices on his head were plainly visible, although he wore his hair unusually long in order to conceal them.—*Indian Medical Record.*

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THE LEE-METFORD RIFLE.—A recent issue of the Johannesburg *Star* contains some interesting facts relating to the ambulance work performed during the late crisis in the Transvaal, based mainly upon a report by Professor Liebmann, the secretary-general of the St. John Ambulance Association in South Africa. In response to a notice in the *Cape Times* a number of volunteers tendered their services for work in the temporary hospital which was established at Krugersdorp. The internal arrangements for the management of this hospital appear to have left a great deal to be desired, owing chiefly to the fact that there was no responsible head on the medical staff, and that the lady who figured as matron had had no previous experience of nursing or hospital management. Some forty odd patients appear to have been received into the hospital after the Krugersdorp affair, the greater number having belonged to Dr. Jameson's force. As regards the nature of the wounds received by the combatants, all injuries were those by gunshot. Those made by the Lee-Metford were much cleaner and healed much more quickly than those produced by other weapons. Many of the shots, through fleshy parts only, healed almost by first intention. One burgher shot through the lungs left the hospital con-