

**NO MORE CORONERS.**—On the first of July the coroner system disappears from Massachusetts, and a new plan goes into operation. According to this the duty of viewing bodies and making autopsies devolves on officers known as medical examiners, while the examination of witnesses, etc., is carried on in the courts.

**FROM EXPERIMENTS** performed at St. Petersburg, (*Med. and Sur. Rep.*, Phila.,) when small pieces of cancerous tissue are under favourable circumstances, transplanted under the skin of a dog, they take root and grow. Thus, the infection of cancer cells can no longer be doubted.

**SALT PORK AND ULCERS.**—J. H. Morton, L. R. C. P., &c., Ed. writes to the *Lancet* in reference to certain fungoid and bleeding ulcers which he has been called upon to treat, and which he suggests may have been caused by the large quantity of salt pork eaten by the patients.

PERHAPS the psychology of laughter has never been better expressed than by Hazlitt :—‘Man,’ says the writer, ‘is the only animal that laughs, for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they should be.’

**COMPULSORY REGISTRATION** of infectious diseases has been for some time in force in Holland and Norway, without opposition and with manifest advantage. This affords the strongest evidence that such a measure is practicable in a constitutionally governed country.

IT IS STATED that the Corporation of Wolverhampton, Eng., is about to remodel the east part of that town, at a cost of £160,000, under the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers’ Dwellings Act.

**POISONOUS PEAS.**—An English chemist has discovered that copper is used in French canned peas to preserve their green color. Several cases of poisoning have recently occurred in England which were traced to this source.

#### BOOK NOTICES.

**EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT** of the State Board of Health Massachusetts. This is quite a ponderous volume of about 500 pages, besides numerous charts, tables, and maps, some beautifully colored. It contains a larger amount than usual of highly interesting and instructive matter, which must be of great value to the State in a sanitary way.

**NINTH ANNUAL REPORT** of the Inspector of Asylums, Prisons, and Public Charities of Ontario. This is a volume of 300 large pages, containing much very interesting and useful matter in reference to these institutions.