

of miles. There was also used a curious kind of food made from the whale's hide, which is pickled and eaten freely during the winter. This will be of interest to our future Arctic explorers, and is once more a lesson to persons of the opinions of Captain Markham and Sir G. Nares to prefer vegetable juices and potatoes and fruits to rum as a preventive of scurvy.—*Brit. Med. Journal.*

NEW METHOD OF PRESERVING DEAD BODIES.—The German government has recently bought the patent for a new preservative fluid. It is claimed for it that the bodies, even after years, retain their color, form and flexibility. Decay is entirely prevented, and the muscles even keep the natural color.

The bodies are saturated in a liquid made as follows:—

R Alum, 100 ; Sodii chlorid, 25 ; Potas. nitrat., 12 ; Potas. carb., 60 ; Acid. arsenici, 10 ; Aquæ, 1000.

This solution is cooled and filtered. There are then added to ten litres of the fluid four litres of glycerine and one litre of methylic alcohol. From two to five litres of the liquid are used in saturating the body to be preserved.

PRURITUS ANI.—A correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* gives the following advice in this annoying complaint : Wear a piece of cotton wool, of the size of a walnut or larger, at the anus ; a few shreds of the wool should be inserted inside the sphincter, and this will be sufficient to retain the whole in its place. A fresh piece must be used after each evacuation. After two years' experience, I can speak most highly of this way of relieving the intolerable annoyance of the pruritus ; so long as I wear it I am quite comfortable. For about twelve years I had been a martyr to the complaint.

THE DISEASES OF CHILDHOOD NEGLECTED.—Glancing at the work done by the profession in societies, public institutions and literature, it is impossible to escape the impression of the paucity of attention bestowed upon the maladies of child-life, and the little interest they seem to arouse. The men who for a time made these diseases a special duty have lapsed into silence, if not inaction, and however good the daily work done by the