

the large and juicy bone known as "State patronage."—*Denver Medical Times*.

DO THE SICK EVER SNEEZE?—"Do those who are seriously ill ever sneeze?" This is a point alluded to by Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson in the January number of his *Archives*. He does not recollect himself to have seen any but fairly healthy persons sneeze. He puts the question with especial reference to the widely spread popular superstition that sneezing is a sign of health and good luck. It is possible, he thinks, that this may have had its origin in the fact that it is for the most part an act restricted to those in fair health. Tylor, in his "Primitive Culture," gives interesting facts as to the prevalence of this creed and as to certain customs associated with it, and traces it in part to doctrines of animism, but Mr. Hutchinson thinks the suggestion he has given may also have some value.—*Sheffield Medical Journal*.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.—It is officially announced that the rumours are entirely

unfounded that the International Medical Congress to be held at Rome in September is to be postponed on account of the engagement with cholera matters of distinguished participants. The Fifteenth Section of the Congress will be devoted to a consideration of cholera and quarantine. Prof. Koch and Prof. Cunningham are expected to take part in the discussion. In addition to the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, the Hamburg-American Packet Company, and the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, the Netherland Steam Navigation Company offers reduced rates of transportation to visitors to the Congress. The Hamburg-American Packet Company announces that the concession also applies to the families of members.—*Medical News*.

A MODEL SUBSCRIBER.—Dr. N. J. Thompson, of Grabball, Texas, upon being sent a bill for *The Texas Health Journal*, writes: "Your notice of subscription was a surprise to me, as I have not received *The Journal* for four years. Four years ago my post-office was changed to Grabball, Wash-

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