

"KISSING THE BOOK" is now to be dispensed with in Pennsylvania, the Legislature having decided to this effect, it having been shown to be a fruitful source for the spread of disease.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.—The receipts of the *British Medical Journal* last year were \$176,000; the expenses were over \$150,000. The total assets over liabilities exceed \$279,000.

MEDICINE IN TOKYO.—In Tokyo a recent census has shown that the city contains 2,315 medical men, 70 dentists, 69 veterinary surgeons, 371 pharmaceutical chemists, 2 city hospitals, 3 government hospitals and 41 private hospitals.—*Ex.*

THE GOLD STANDARD.—The San Francisco *Post* says: A young lady with a touch of tonsillitis was consulting the family physician. "That is nothing serious," said he: "I'll touch it up with a nitrate of silver and you will be all right." The young lady looked a bit doubtful. "Oh, it won't hurt you," remarked the doctor, reassuringly. "I wasn't thinking of that. Papa might object." "Why, what possible objection can he have?" "I heard him tell mamma the other evening that he was opposed to silver. Couldn't you use nitrate of gold? Silver is so common and cheap, you know, and I am sure papa wouldn't object then."—*Ex.*

SUCCESSFUL CELIOTOMY FOR INTESTINAL PERFORATION DURING TYPHOID FEVER.—Sifton (*Chicago Clinical Review*) has reported the case of a man, 39 years old, in which, during the third week of an attack of typhoid fever, symptoms of intestinal perforation appeared. Operation was advised and consented to. An incision, four inches long was made close to the median edge of the ascending colon, and on opening the peritoneum about a pint of liquid fæces escaped. The ileum was seen to be extensively ulcerated, and after a brief search a perforation about one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter was found about two feet above the ileocecal valve. This was closed by two rows of Lembert sutures. The bowels were then replaced and the abdomen washed out as thoroughly as possible. Drainage was provided for, and the abdominal wound was closed with an interrupted suture. The case thereafter pursued a slow but favorable course, and eventuated in recovery. This is said to be the fourth recovery among twenty operations for intestinal perforation in the course of typhoid fever.—*Philadelphia Polyclinic.*