

bound to exercise it in all circumstances) have the right of putting him to death, unless a special agreement has been made freeing him from all responsibility as to the consequences; while he, should they decide on immolating him, has no reasonable ground for complaint, but is expected to submit to his fate like a man and a hakim. In other respects the amateur will find an easy field.—The Sydenham Society is defunct. At a recent meeting a resolution was carried by a considerable majority for its dissolution.—A most important addition to the pay of Army Assistant-Surgeons has been agreed to by the Government, and henceforth that class of officers will receive a *minimum* of 10s. a-day.—The election of Mr. West to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, has been declared void on the ground of canvassing, this not being allowed by the bye-laws of the Hospital, and Mr. Gamgee has been elected.—A literary war is springing up between Dr. Taylor and Dr. Letheby respecting the detection or non-detection of strychnia in Cook's case. It appears that in an article published in Guy's Hospital Reports "on the detection of absorbed strychnia and other poisons," Dr. Taylor used some objectionable language, and Dr. Letheby, keenly alive to his reputation, takes up the pen in self-defence. He affirms that strychnia is eminently indestructible, and if in the body ought to be found; he insinuates, pretty broadly too, that as Dr. Taylor did not find it in Cook's body he did not know how; or if he did, it was not there.—An announcement has recently been made that Jenner's statue is really to be set up in Trafalgar Square, near the *Union Club House*, in the early part of next year.—M. Migette, a farmer in Algeria, and M. Algnie, military surgeon, have just respectively obtained the premium of £10 for having made known to the authorities two cases of cow-pox upon cattle belonging to M. Migette.—Wadd, in his *Nugæ Canoræ* has the following upon some surgeon who was upwards of twenty years assistant-surgeon to an hospital:—

How hard was poor Sir —'s lot
 Among chirurgic sages!
 He all the work and honor got,
 While they got all the wages!

Wadd adds: "We have here a singular instance of what trifling incidents make or mar a man's success in life. The gentleman alluded to lost his election as an assistant-surgeon to an hospital only by a few votes, *about equal in number to a dinner party* given by an active friend of his opponent.