

ever, declined the proffered honor, it is generally thought, because it was not a baronetcy. We now learn that the knighthood has been conferred upon Dr. Dyce Duckworth, whom we congratulate upon this mark of Royal favor.

CELLULOID TAPE-WORMS.—All the world has heard of the Yankee wooden nutmegs, but the folks near the Pacific Coast seem to possess an ingenuity which would shame a New Englander. A correspondent of the *Southern California Practitioner* writes: "Our unsophisticated villagers go to your metropolis for treatment, and return with yards of tape-worm, in bottles, very handsome, and doubtless worth all they cost. Now what I want to know is: Where do you get them, and what is the factory price per yard, for they are—*celluloid*?"

CHLORAL AS A VESICANT.—Hydrate of chloral has, according to the London *Medical Record*, been successfully employed instead of cantharides for blisters. For this purpose powdered chloral is sprinkled on previously slightly warmed adhesive plaster. Vesicles are raised by it in about ten minutes. The advantages of this blister over other kinds are rapid and perfectly painless action, and absence of any of the troublesome effects sometimes caused by cantharides.

DR. HOLMES ADVISES DOCTORS TO TAKE A VACATION.—Instead of a vacation editorial, which would naturally be looked for by our readers with eager interest at about this time, we venture to substitute a little verse from Dr. Holmes' poem, "City and Country":

Ye healers of men, for a moment decline  
Your feats in the rhubarb and ipecac line;  
While you shut up your turnpike, your neighbors can go  
The old roundabout road to the regions below.

—*Med. Record*.

—The editor of the *Kansas City Medical Index* says: "It has been my 'fortune' to see a young and lovely virgin brought to one of these speculomaniacs, seized and placed upon the gynæcological 'altar,' her clothes pulled up, hymen ruptured, speculum introduced, and probe pointed at the cervix, before the astonished maiden could explain that she sought the services of his 'majesty' the gynæcologist for an epilepsy caused by an injury to the head."