

### Miscellaneous.

A bill has recently been introduced to the Legislature of Oregon by Senator Mitchell making hypnotism, electro-magnetism and mesmerism a crime punishable by death. This bill was suggested by a distinguished lawyer who expresses the opinion that many heinous crimes are directly attributed to these unholy influences. In New York State there is a bill before the Legislature providing for the licensing of Christian scientists, clairvoyants, etc. With these facts before us it is little wonder that leading periodicals give up their space to articles such as appeared recently in *The Forum*, entitled, "Is New York more civilized than Kansas or Oregon?"—*Cincinnati Medical Journal*.

A BON-MOT OF DR. HOLMES.—Dr. Arthur P. Perry writes to the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*: "A bon-mot made by Dr. Holmes at the time one of his sons was born, was lately written out for me by a physician who was a student at the time; and, as it is as good as all Holmes'

sayings were, and I think has never been in print, I thought it might appear in the *Journal*. I give it *verbatim* as it was sent me: 'In the "forties," Dr. Holmes was one of the instructors in what was known as the Tremont Medical School, which gave instruction to quite a large number of students between the lecture terms of the Harvard Medical School. Usually prompt, we were one day surprised by his non-appearance at the beginning of the lecture hour—but we waited. Finally he entered the room, hurriedly glanced around with a smile and said, "Gentlemen, I know I am late, but there is a little stranger at my house." And then, with an expression such as only Holmes' face could assume, he continued, "Now, can any one of you tell me what well-known business firm in Boston he is like?" There was no answer. "He is Little & Brown," said the doctor, with a twinkle in his eye.'

A QUARREL OVER THE DIPHTHERITIC ANTITOXIN.—There is an unpleasantness in Berlin over the diphtheria antitoxin. Professor Behring, who has been made Professor of Hygiene at Halle,

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