

SPREAD OF INFECTION BY PAWNBROKERS AND SUCH.—It may be useful (*Galliard Med. Four.*) to draw the attention to a source of propagation of infection among the poor, which sanitary authorities appear seldom to consider, or often to overlook. We refer to the spread of contagion through the medium of clothes deposited in pawnbrokers' shops. The persistency with which the contagium of certain zymotic diseases, and especially of measles, scarlatina, and smallpox, clings to clothes is well recognized by the medical profession. Not a few cases have been recorded of the propagation of these diseases by means of the retention of infecting power in clothes, which had been shut up in boxes for months after exposure to the original infection. There is danger in purchasing at "second hand" shops.

MALARIA IN FLOWER-POTS.—Tending to corroborate the idea that malaria is caused by any vegetable decomposition is the case reported by Dr. Eichwald, of St. Petersburg, of a lady who lived constantly in a room filled with flowers in pots, and who thus acquired an intermit- tent fever, with symptoms of true malaria. Too much of any thing is bad.

DOMESTIC HAPPINESS, thou only bliss  
Of Paradise that has survived the fall!  
Though few now taste thee unimpaired and pure,  
Or, tasting, long enjoy thee!  
Thou art the nurse of Virtue: In thine arms  
She smiles, appearing, as in truth she is,  
Heaven-born, and destined to the skies again.

A LADY, the mother of four children, shed tears because she had not been taught the duties of a mother, before marriage. She is now a chronic invalid, and likely to remain so



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