

have just left the small-pox hospital, and am traveling for my health."

"Mercy on me!" he exclaimed, starting up with open mouth and eyes. "'Ave you got well of hit?"

"Well, no, but I got tired of staying cooped up in the hospital and thought I would cravel a bit."

"But, my dear sir, hit's catching!"

"Well, yes. But I suppose you have been vaccinated."

"No, blarst my bleedin' hies if I 'ave, though!" he said, gathering up his parcels.



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