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M. Kunkel d'Herculais, who, it may be remembered, is studying how to destroy locusts, has now recommended the multiplication of an insect of the anthrax genus, which is a parasite of the locust.-London

A patent has been granted in Auckland, New Zealand, for a net to catch whales. The mesh is big enough for a calf to pass through, and it is said to have been used already with great success. -- Boston Journal of Commerce.

The fashionable "fad" in Chicago of the red parasol is now defended on the ground that it is an efficient freekle preventer-the actinic rays of the sun, which it is claimed are the cause of the pigmentation, being intercepted in passing through a red medium .- Journal of the American Medical Association.

Of the railway associations of the country none has been more active or more successful during the last few years than the National Association of Railway Surgeons. Three years ago the association had 282 members in good standing. At the present time the active membership is 1,767.—Railway Age.

There was great joy among the vegetarians in Germany last year over the fact that a vegetarian won the annual walking match from Berlin to Friedrichsruhe. The same vegetarian pedestrian was in the race this year, and it was generally expected that he would win the match again. But he was badly beaten by a "meat-eater."

A wire message from New York to Auckland traverses a length of line of 19,123 miles, nearly three-fourths of which is submarine cable. It has to be repeated or rewritten fifteen times. The longest cable is between America and Europe, 1ay 2,800 miles, and the longest land line is across Australia from Port Darwin to Adelaide, 2,150 miles.

A Hungarian chemist, Dr. Johann Antal, already favourably known for his researches in toxicology, recently reported to the Hungarian Society of Physicians that he has discovered a new chemical compound, the nitrate of cobalt, which, he says, is a most efficacious antidote to poisoning by cyanide of potassium or prussic acid. He tried the antidote first on animals, and afterwards on forty living persons who had been accidentally poisoned with prussic acid. In not a single case did the antidote prove a failure.

In connection with flying-machines, says Power, has anybody suggested the difficulty of obtaining facility in their use? How many swimmers would there be if the first trial had to be made in mid-ocean, with nothing to prevent the learner from sinking? It is probably mechanically possible to make a machine as well adapted to ærial, as is the bicycle to terrestrial, flight; but while the motion of a bird in the air is not more natural and easy than that of the accomplished rider of the wheel, such facility comes only with an amount of practice which would hardly be practicable in midair, should human ingenuity provide us with an arial bicycle.

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