

of Leipzig hoped and tried to secure the services of Dr. R. Koch, but Herr von Gossler, Prussian Minister of Education and medical matters, interfered, and avoided a loss which would have been irreparable for Berlin. The medical faculty of Leipzig has now proposed the following three professors to the Saxon Minister of Education—Drs. Recklinghausen, Ziegler, and Birch-Hirschfeld. As it is not supposed that Professor Recklinghausen is likely to leave Strasburg, the choice will rest between Drs. Ziegler and Birch-Hirschfeld.—*Brit. Med. Journal.*

ARTIFICIAL IMPREGNATION.—This subject has been discussed, and has its advocates. The *Gazette Hebdomadaire de Médecine et de Chirurgie* reviews at length a new novel with the suggestive title of “Le Faiseur d’Hommes.” The romance is nothing more nor less than a plea in favor of artificial impregnation; the *dramatis personæ* are a childless count and countess and a highly scientific physician. A certain abbé is also introduced, in order to fill out the religious side of the picture. Not to enter into the details of the subject, which are better suited for a treatise on gynæcology than for a popular novel, it suffices to say that the experiment is successful, the result being a son, who is afterward known at court as the “child of the syringe.” He should have been called “a son of a gun.”—*Gaillard’s Med. Journal.*

ADMINISTRATION OF ETHER.—The following rules are given by Dr. Burrell in an interesting paper published in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*:—1st, Before etherization, the surgeon should satisfy himself regarding the presence or absence of heart disease. 2nd, The safety of the patient and the comfort of the etherizer largely depend on the use of pure anhydrous sulphuric ether. 3rd, The best medium for the administration is one in which the ether can be given in a condensed form or largely mixed with air. 4th, As a rule, the patient should have a brief, clear description of the sensations he is about to experience. 5th, A room free from bustle and confusion before and after an operative procedure is an essential for quiet etherization. 6th, Ether should be administered on an empty stomach. 7th, The knowledge of the effect of a glass of wine upon a patient is frequently an indication of the exciting or stupefying that ether