

SERUM FOR TYPHOID FEVER.—Drs. John S. Fulton and William Royal Stokes, of the Maryland Board of Health, claim to have discovered a serum for the treatment of typhoid fever, after nearly four years of investigation and observation.

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### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A DEATH under chloroform during labor is announced from Melbourne, Australia. Only one medical man was present, and at the inquest, the coroner referred to the advisability of always having two medical men present at the administration of an anesthetic.

AN EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD MEDICAL STUDENT.—The Russian Minister of Education has authorized the admission of a man past eighty years to examination before the Examination Committee of Kieff University of St. Valdimir, for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

RADIUM ADVANCES IN PRICE.—Research work with radium is at a standstill, owing to the scarcity of this metal and its consequent rise in price. An ounce now comes at \$3,000,000. It is stated on the authority of an expert, that not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce has been manufactured since Professor Curie discovered it.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL in London, in spite of the large subscriptions of the King, the Queen and of their friends, is once more in pecuniary difficulties, and the question is being seriously discussed of removing it to a much less costly site in the suburbs among more healthful surroundings. Few are aware that it was founded by Rahere, the famous court jester of King Henry I. It seems that while still a young man his conscience began to trouble him and led him to make a pilgrimage to Rome, where he fell ill, and being in fear of death made a vow that if he recovered, he would build a hospital on his return. He did recover, journeyed home, and his intentions are said to have been confirmed by a vision of Saint Bartholomew, who pointed out Smithfield to him as the best site for his purpose.

It was a most unpromising place at that time, being outside the city walls, little better than a marsh, and with an unsavory reputation as the locale of hideous executions. However, it had the recommendation that its land was of no value, and King Henry, who probably regarded the whole affair as a joke, readily gave his jester a grant of the land.