

During the past year 1,652 persons bitten by rabid animals have been under treatment in the seven Pasteur stations existing in Russia. Of these, forty-two have died of hydrophobia. —*Ex.*

CHILBLAINS :

Dr. E. Stern recommends the systematic use of the following ointment :

R Oxide of zinc. ʒss.
Glycerin, ʒiiss.
Lanolin, ʒj ʒiij.

To be rubbed in after washing ; the surplus to be removed with the towel.—*Medical Bulletin.*

A SOCIETY OF ANÆSTHETISTS.—The frequency with which anæsthetics are now used for all manner of professional work makes the employment of anæsthetics one of the most responsible of professional duties.

In every large city anæsthetics are in daily and almost hourly use, and it goes without saying that much recklessness exists in their administration.

Many of the deaths attributed to the anæsthetic agent no doubt result from the method of administration. An unwarranted prejudice has arisen against anæsthetic agents—especially chloroform—from this circumstance.

In London, a Society of Anæsthetists has recently been organized which has for its purposes a more thorough study of the physiology and practical bearings of anæsthesia.

There are a number of medical men in London who give their time to this special feature of work and who gain a living by administering anæsthetics. That such men are more skilful in the use of anæsthetics and more trustworthy can not be disputed.

The organization of a society by such men is a most commendable movement. Practical results can scarcely fail to follow from the observations and studies of these men, and their conclusions will be worth hundreds of investigations by such commissions as are instituted by the Nizam of Hyderabad. A society with a similar purpose in view should be organized in every large city.—*Maryland Medical Journal.*

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