

WE would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Leeming, Miles & Co., to be found on page xv. of this number. They have been appointed sole agents for Canada for all the products of the New York Biological and Vaccinal Institute. This institution was the first to prepare diphtheria antitoxine on this continent, and claim to have the strongest made. The first cases of tetanus cured with antitoxine on this continent were treated with the tetanus antitoxine made at the New York Pasteur Institute. It is an institution which, for many years, has been devoted exclusively to the preparation of antitoxines and similar biological agents. They have an experimental station and farm of 200 acres, with over 100 head of cattle, horses, donkeys, pigs, dogs, sheep, etc., for the study and production of antitoxines.

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A COLLOQUIAL STYLE IN MEDICAL LECTURES.—An early event in the history of the *Lancet*, as we learn from a recent number, was a suit brought by the surgeon Abernethy, against the publishers, to restrain them from reporting his lectures. On learning that the suit was begun, the *Lancet* reporter began to be rather cruelly accurate in his reproduction of the lecturer's style, as is evidenced by the following passage: "If I am wrong I shall be very happy to have my errors pointed out and corrected. *I'll be hanged* if erysipelas is not always a result of a disordered state of the digestive organs. . . . *Egad*, it is a travelling disease, and, as I say, the parts are disposed to swell. . . . If it be seated in an unimportant part, *in the name of G*—let it go on there. . . . O, said the dresser, it is a case of erysipelas, and he only came in last week. *Good G*—! said I, is it possible? . . . Ho! he had *his jawing-tacks on board*, as a sailor would say." No wonder he objected to seeing himself in print!—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

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AN ODD LOCUM TENENS.—The following extract, says *La France Medicale*, is taken from the "Memoirs of Marshall Castellane:" "The Marchioness of Talarn is over fifty, but she believes it is absolutely necessary for the good of her health that she should have a man beside her at night. Whenever M. de Talarn is absent she consequently makes her people sew up M. de Courtivron, one of his relatives, or else M. de Chavagnac, one of his friends, in a sack, and has him put into her bed. In the morning she is careful to summon her attendants, or, at all events, the chambermaid, in order that they may testify that the sack has not been unsewn. At present MM. de Chavagnac and de Courtivron both happen to be away at Madrid, attached to the embassy of M. de Talarn, so it is M. Boirot, physician