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### MISCELLANEOUS.

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"There is nothing new under the sun." Not even Pasteur's theory. It is a well-known fact that it has long been a custom for a man to inoculate himself, the first thing upon rising in the morning, with a thimble full of the dog that had bitten him the night before.

Some one has discovered certain points of similarity between a baby and a widower: He cries a great deal the first three months; after this he becomes quiet, and begins to notice; and it is with considerable difficulty that he is made to survive his second summer.—*Texas Courier Record.*