

great public, the chief beneficiary of these designs, is slow in thought, conservative, even careless.

THE bedding of the poor, after cases of illness from infectious disease, is frequently pawned and so the infection is spread, the N. Y. Medical Journal draws attention to this, and states that in Paris, France they have in use a large cylinder mounted on wheels, looking for all the world like a steam boiler or a fire-engine. Into this all such infected articles are put and subjected to superheated steam. It can be drawn by a horse wherever it is wanted. "During the few months that this plan has been working thousands of old mattresses, pillows, covers, and clothes of all sorts have been steamed: and it is beyond question that millions of the invisible and dangerous microbes have been destroyed, and that another great step has been taken toward the millennium of cleanliness, and therefore health, in modern cities."

SCARLET FEVER IN THE COW.—The Sanitary Journal Glasgow (May 1888) says: There can be no doubt that the epidemic of scarlet fever which recently occurred in the west end of Glasgow had its origin in the cattle of a dairy farm suffering from some disease to, or identical with, human scarlet fever.

THE house top as a health resort, is the subject of a suggestive article in the Medical and Surgical Reporter. Several large cities we are told have popular resorts high up above the ground to be reached only by steam elevators. The upper strata of air are usually much purer than those nearer the earth. "Lately Dr. G. M. Smith, of New York, has proposed that the roofs of the city houses shall be systematically occupied, for the sunlight and fresh air which can be there obtained, and has urged the devising of some plan by which it can be made feasible."

ELECTROPLATING EXTRAORDINARY.—According to the Electrical Review medicine can be introduced into the human system by electricity. The electrodes of a battery are saturated with the selected remedies and applied locally to the skin. Experiments show that there is actual absorption of the medicine into the system.