

A FEW CONSIDERATIONS.

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"How much may be sinned through ignorance is shown," said Dr. A. Jacobi, of New York, "by the example of John Hunter, who denied the occurrence of visceral syphilis, though it had been described by those gigantic landmarks, Paracelsus and Morgagni."

THE LAMENT OF THE CULTURED GONOCOCCUS.

I.

"Where schizomycetes grin in glee,
Where microbes dig their holes,
Where germs live free to split in three
And exult in their septic souls;
Where the still small sobs of the spores endure,
Where blue bacilli bore,
Where cultures pure an adjacent sewer
Will always provide a score—
Some gonococci duplex and small
(They were born at a picnic the previous fall,
And by agile turn and twist in flight,
Had escaped the maw of the phagocyte),
Were mourning each to the other twin;
"What sort of a hole is this we're in?"

II.

"Time was when they lived where their fathers died,
In a urethral columnar cell,
Then woe betide that devil "they spied
When they frisked in Boccaccio's Hell!"
Now, 'twas, "O for a lodge in the vestibule,
Or in glands of Bartholin!"
And 'twas, "O to rule in a Skene's tubule,
For we can't grow on gelatin!"
And 'twas, "O for the grim and fierce delight
Of a duel to the death with the leucocyte!
Once to laugh in specific pride
At the impotent syringe and germicide!
And to mock, when the stricture fort defied
The charge of the sound and whalebone guide!"