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DATA WANTED.

There is now going on in the medical journals of the United States an active controversy upon the merits of vaccination as a preventive of small-pox and the dangers experienced from its administration. Items are constantly appearing in the local press describing its ill effects and relating the deaths of many from lockjaw as a consequence. So much of the ill-effects has been encountered that the question has been seriously considered by even its advocates, whether the supposed protective benefit is worth the risk that is encountered by its use.

Homœopaths contend that there are other and safer if not better preventives. Vaccinum (a potentization of the virus beyond its toxic force) is used by some; Variolinum (similarly prepared from the actual morbid product) by others; and best of all, Malandrinum (which is more homœopathic because "similar" though not of the same) is evidently effectual in preventing the disease and is known to

cure ill effects of vaccination, and will prevent vaccination from "taking."

Doctor William Jefferson Guernsey, of Philadelphia, who has long been opposed to vaccination, is endeavoring to collect data in regard to the subject and is inviting his fellow practitioners throughout the country to send him the results of their experiences. Doctor Guernsey says: "The writer has for years refused to vaccinate. The inoculation with a potency of Variolinum has been sufficient to allow of signing the School Boards' certificates; and as a preventive Malandrinum internally has been relied upon. During an attendance upon the only case in this part of the city within the past dozen years that remedy was used solely as a prophylactic, and without failure."

"In view of the actual dangers of vaccination; of its possible inefficiency; considering the probable power of Malandrinum; and bearing in mind the wrong which is done to the people we are bound to protect (vaccination being practically compulsory) it is high time to give this desirable substitute a hearing.

"There are some who are unfamiliar with the nature of Malandrinum and to these the following information is offered. In the disease of horses known among veterinarians as Grease there appears a discharge which, when conveyed to the udder of cows by careless milkers, produces an eruption almost identical with the pustules of variola. This was erroneously called Malandars (from a closely