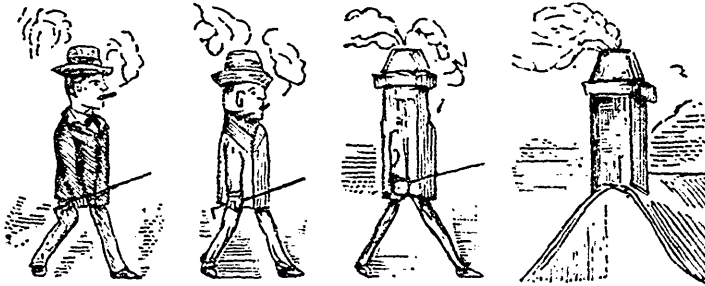


M. PASTEUR'S proposal to destroy the rabbits in New South Wales is not likely to meet with favour. The remote consequences are feared. As the British Medical Journal says: The mere fact that the microbe is capable of producing fatal disease in two animals so dissimilar as domestic poultry and rabbits ought to serve as a warning that it may possibly develop into a pestilence affecting other species of animals, and even man himself; for once the disease is introduced into the rabbit warrens, it has passed beyond human control.

ACCORDING to the N. Y. Medical Record, Governor Hill, in his annual message, recommends the abolition of the State Board of Health and the vesting of its powers in one responsible official, by which the efficiency, usefulness and economy of the public service will be increased. We fully agree with this and have repeatedly urged that organizations of this kind would be much better than boards, which are too often but irresponsible political machines.

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INTESTINAL DISEASES OF CHILDHOOD, Physiology, Hygiene, Pathology and Therapeutics, by A. Jacobi, M.D., Pres. New York Academy of Medicine and Clinical Prof. of diseases of children in the N. Y. College of Physicians and Surgeons, is the last volume issued of the admirable series of "The Physician's Leisure Library," published by George S. Davis, of Detroit. It consists of 300 pages of very practical instructions on this class of diseases, and it seems a marvel to get such a well-arranged, reliable little treatise for 25c., or even less to subscribers. In his introductory chapter Jacobi writes: "The hygiene rules for infants concern the digestive organs mainly, so much so that infant hygiene and the hygiene of the digestive organs in infants appear to be nearly identical."

THE CENTURY for March contains, "Bismarck in his Garden," Frontispiece; "The Home Ranch," illustrated; "Lifted Veils;" continuation of