

SMALL-POX.—The National (U. S.) Board of Health Bulletin reports that during one week in the middle of October there were deaths from this disease in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Canada, West Indies, Texas, Mexico, East Indies, Brazil and other places. In the United States deaths from it occurred in Philadelphia, New York, Troy, Chicago, Williamsburg, Va., and San Francisco. The *Pacific Medical and Surgical Journal*, says the disease appears to be increasing its range in nearly all parts of the world.

ON THE ADULTERATION OF MILK the English laws are very severe, and transgressors are made to feel the force of them. One man who had been fined seven times and paid \$550 in fines, was on the eighth offence fined \$100; his milk contained 14 per cent. of water. It is common to impose a fine of from \$50 to \$100 there. If milkmen here were so punished we would doubtless be supplied in a short time with a somewhat better quality of milk.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., is being devastated with diphtheria. There has been 1185 cases, and

483 deaths from the disease. Scarlet fever is also prevalent. The mayor recommended that the testimony of witnesses be taken in order to learn the causes of the disease. The *Sanitary Engineer* intimates that the causes are the want of traps on main drains and fresh air inlets; in short, sewer gas poisoning. Pure air, cleanliness and the avoidance of all persons likely to be affected with the disease are the surest preventive means.

BETTER THAN QUARANTINE.—M. DE Lesseps does not believe in the efficacy of quarantines. In 1834-5 in Egypt, although the foreign consuls managed the quarantine, they were unable by the most severe precautions to prevent the introduction and development of the worst plague that ever ravaged the Orient, carrying off in eight months one-third the population of Lower Egypt, while it made no victims in upper Egypt, although there was daily communication between the two parts of the country. He believes that sanitary precautions, improvement of food, air, and water, cleanliness and temperance are the best preventives against contagious diseases.

“The Crying Want is better education of the public in hygiene.”—*Med. and Surg. Reporter, Phila.*

Sir Wm. Jenner, says, “To prevent disease is the most important aim of the science and art of Medicine.”

Dr. Samuel Wilks, F. R. S., Physician, and Lecturer on Medicine, Guy's Hospital, London, says: “The idea of CURE is low-born and common-place.” “CURE lies at the bottom of all quack systems.” “PREVENTION is significant of higher intellectual advancement.”

The purpose of this JOURNAL is to diffuse a knowledge of, and awaken public interest in, the **Laws of Health**, to discuss all questions pertaining to Health, Air, Water, Food, Drainage, Sewerage, Clothing, etc., etc.; to advocate Sanitary Legislation; in short, to make PREVENTION rather than CURE the FIRST object of both the physician and the public.

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