

Dr. Engelmann of St. Louis. It is a significant comment on the character of the questions now before the public mind to say that an order having been sent to one of our largest book-stores for the above volume, the entire available force of the establishment was engaged for half a day in an ineffectual search for it throughout the department of political economy. We are reminded in this same connection to mention the remark of a parent whose experience of offspring had been chiefly that of twins, that he considered the double births an improvement over the more general custom, as a "labor-saving institution."—*Boston Med. Journal.*

A NEW METHOD OF TREATING THORACIC ANEURISM.—Under this title Dr. Richard Barwell describes a method which he has recently employed. It consists in puncturing the sac with a hollow ivory needle, and passing through this and into the sac about ten feet of fine steel wire. This latter is connected with a galvanic battery (positive pole), and a current of nine or ten milliampères is passed through it for an hour. In the case in which this method was tried, a considerable degree of firm coagulation was obtained, but the aneurism had a second sac, and the patient was nearly moribund before the operation. He died a week later.—*Med. Record.*

—Professor Huxley, in a certain debate on smoking among the members of the British Association, told the story of his struggles in a way which utterly put the anti-tobacconists to confusion. "For forty years of my life," said he, "tobacco had been a deadly poison to me. (Loud cheers from the anti-tobacconists.) In my youth, as a medical student, I tried to smoke. In vain! At every fresh attempt my insidious foe stretched me prostrate on the floor. (Repeated cheers.) I entered the navy. Again I tried to smoke, and again met with defeat. I hated tobacco. I could have almost lent my support to any institution that had for its object the putting of tobacco smokers to death. (Vociferous cheering.) A few years ago I was in Brittany with some friends; we went to an inn; they began to smoke and look very happy, and outside it was very wet and dismal. I thought