

nurse and one of our Memphis Doctors," who are described as possessed of "patience which would put old Job to the blush." This epidemic is said to have been remarkable for the number of violent and desperate cases that have recovered owing to proper medical treatment and good nursing.

A PATIENT'S RIGHT TO HIS OWN LIMBS.—Another amusing lawsuit is at present in progress before one of the United States Law Courts. Some six months ago, a gentleman suffered from some serious disease in both legs which necessitated the amputation of the two limbs. The surgeon placed the parts removed in the Medical Museum. The patient supposed them to be buried, but hearing of their being on exhibition, actually had himself conveyed to the spot, where he recognized his former extremities neatly bottled up and bearing a label with his name attached. He therefore sues the Doctor for the legs, over which he still claims to have right of possession.

—Dr. Yandell, of the *Louisville News*, is soon coming home. He has been Europing and writing to his Journal. It is satisfactory to find that the glories of the New World have not to him been dimmed by aught in the Old. With truly charming native modesty he says: "There is no more unfortunate step that a medical student can take than to go to Paris or Vienna to study medicine. He might just as wisely go to either place to learn morals as to learn how to practice physic. The United States is the best place in the world to make doctors."

CANTHARIDIN FROM THE POTATO BUG—According to the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, there is  $1\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. of cantharidin in the potato bug. This fact, taken with that of the recently discovered diuretic properties of the cockroach, leads us to expect soon a monograph on the therapeutic uses of domestic vermin.

—The operation of Ovariectomy was performed by Dr. R. P. Howard on the 27th ult., assisted by Drs. Ross and Roddick. The tumor was found to be partly dermoid and partly multi-