

measures have been taken in foreign lands to procure vaccine virus direct from the heifer, and thus have a virus which is as pure as possible. They propose to renounce the vaccination from arm to arm.

Some idea of the importance of this subject may be derived from the fact that the Russian Government has ordered Dr. Bulmerink to organize, at St. Petersburg, a service to produce animal virus. In Naples, this practice dates back to the year 1810, by Dr. Gallati. In 1858 M. Negri revived the procedure, and is deemed the great authority at the present time. From thence, the practice has spread to Paris where Dr. Lauoix was very active in its introduction. (*See Etude sur La Vaccinateur Animale*, Paris 1866. New York Ballier Bros.)

It is thus seen that the medical profession have endeavored to supply their clients with virus of the most unexceptional character, and, by their use of it in their own families, have given countenance to the idea that vaccine virus is preferable.

There is also an impression that vaccine virus deteriorates by long use, by many removes from the cow. This is not sustained by facts. The protective influence is not found to be destroyed. In fine, the great advantage of vaccine virus from kine must lie in its being entirely free from syphilitic taints, and probably of all other infections which are believed by some to be communicated in connection with vaccination.—*Boston Journal of Chemistry*.

LAWS TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY.

It is a matter of much gratification to know that the profession in some of the neighboring States is moving in right good earnest, for obtaining laws to regulate the practice of Dentistry. Pennsylvania is moving in the right direction and with much energy. A State Society has there been formed, and its first work is to be devoted to this special object. This is the right method of taking hold of the matter. The interest of the profession should be as fully secured as possible. Indiana is also moving in the matter. The profession there has its State Society, through which it is operating for legal recognition. Michigan is also making a strong effort this winter, and we trust other States will soon take the matter in hand and do what may be