

Miscellaneous.

Camphor and charcoal, equal parts, remove the pain and offensive odor of old excavated ulcers.

Making a patient keep his eyes closed while recovering from ether is a great aid in preventing sickness.

"Ideas," says Voltaire, "are like beards. Men have them when they grow up, women never have them."

According to the researches of M. Spillman (of Paris), pemphigus is due to the presence of a microbe.—*Med. World.*

HOLMES says that charlatanism always hobbles on two crutches—the tattle of women and the certificates of clergymen.

California is to have a University with an endowment of \$20,000,000. It is to be established in memory of the dead son of Mr. Stanford.

Not a soldier in the Prussian army has died of small-pox since 1885; this immunity is undoubtedly due to the strictness with which vaccination is enforced.

A case of death from cocaine applied to relieve the pain of a decayed tooth is reported by Professor R. Ogden Doremus, to the N.Y. Medico-Legal Society.

Dr. Heywood Smith, of London, England, has resigned his position as secretary of the British Gynæcological Society, for his connection with the Stead abduction case.

Dr. Neff has been aided in making the diagnosis of typhoid fever, in at least one case, by the peculiar saffron hue of the palms. He says he has come to look upon this as an almost pathognomonic symptom of the disease.

The great question at present to be settled is, says Dr. Loomis in his recent lecture on bacteriology, whether we are about discovering the ultimate cause of many hitherto obscure pathological states, or whether these microbes are only bacteria of health taking advantage of diminished vitality to develop with increased rapidity—*whether they are the cause or the scavengers of disease.*—*American Lancet.*

We observe that Dr. Piffard has retired from his editorial connection with the *Journal of Cutaneous and Venereal Diseases*. The Journal will be continued under the sole editorial charge of Dr. P. A. Morrow. Judging from the handsome appearance of the January number, which is enriched by an admirable chromo-lithograph and a number of well-executed woodcuts, and the eminently practical character of its contents, this high standard will be maintained in the future.

SPECIALISM EXTRAORDINARY.—A well-known provincial surgeon was recently being shown round a provincial hospital by one of the physicians. "Here," said the latter, "is an extraordinary case; I should like you to just listen to his heart." "It doesn't interest me, my dear sir," was the reply, "I don't care for anything above the diaphragm." "Indeed! and have you any downward limit?" asked the physician. "Certainly—Poupart's Ligament," was the prompt rejoinder.—*Midland Medical Miscellany.*

PREVENTIVE INOCULATION BY A RUSSIAN PRIEST.—A Siberian journal states that in 1868, when the plague was killing all the cattle in the country, Father Andrew Joakimansky, of the Troitzky village, resorted to a desperate means in order to save his cows. He got some blood from a dying cow, saturated threads with that blood, and passed these threads through the ears of the healthy cows, numbering eleven. At the place where the ears were punctured there appeared tumors of the size of pigeon eggs. In a short time these tumors disappeared, and the cows remained alive and healthy, though the rest of the cattle of that village perished.