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SPONGE *versus* DRAFT.

Dr. Sponge declined to visit a patient whom Dr. Draft had reduced to a dying condition. Mr. Pestle the druggist consequently declines to sell any more sponges to persons who purchase of Mr. Mortar, his competitor in the opposite store.

MEDICAL TRADES' UNION.

Any person who can prove that he administered fifteen grains of mercury to a sufferer, prior to 1850, can obtain a license to practise at the cost of his neighbors' lives, from the above-named Trades' Union; why therefore should not the carpenters insist on any pretender, who may choose to style himself a carpenter, being employed and paid as if he understood his business?

VACCINATION.

Dr. Creighton, of Cambridge University, gives the history of twelve cases of bovine tubercles in human beings, the disease being *a more rapid form of consumption than that peculiar to man.*—*United States Medical Investigator*, October, 1882, p. 333.

If consumption be conveyed in this insidious manner, at the point of the lancet, when the matter is taken straight from the animal, who can assign a limit to the transmission of disease, when it is taken from an apparently healthy human being?

A chymist of this city had a child vaccinated from the child of a neighboring family, which was apparently a healthy family; the child's arm healed after the lapse of three months, and about the time that the arm healed, the child had its first fit; the mother of the child from whom the vaccine matter had been taken, then said that her husband was subject to fits, *but none of her own children had had any*; the chymist's child died six months after its arm had healed. Another child of the same gentleman, together with a child of Dr. William Cruickshank, late of the 93rd Highlanders, was vaccinated from the child of a sergeant of the same regiment, the family being apparently healthy; the sergeant's child stammered, and the chymist's child (now forty-one years of age) has stammered ever since; the Doctor's child, spite of the attendance of six physicians, died within ten days of its vaccination; it transpired that the mother of the child from whom the vaccine matter had been taken, *had contracted a contagious disease, prior to her marriage, and there were no apparent vestiges of it attaching to her.*

Mr. Murphy's cross-examination of the medical gentlemen in the Bibby case yesterday was highly amusing, even if it did somewhat dissipate the popular faith in the wisdom and scientific attainments