

—The State of Maine has a law that provides that “no man shall practice medicine without having first practised dissection;” this is followed by another law which provides that “no bodies shall be dissected except those of executed criminals;” and the door is finally locked by another law which prohibits “capital punishment.”

SPANKING AND FLOGGING AS THERAPEUTIC MEASURES.—A year or two ago Dr. I. E. Taylor showed the excellent effects to be derived from spanking the child and flogging the mother (with a wet towel), in some of the accidents of parturition. Dr. Heurot, of Paris, has found the same measure admirable as a remedy in hysterical spasms. We recollect that, as a small boy, we took some doses of this same preparation for certain emotional diseases, such as slight kleptomania (toward apples), acute ira, and disorder of the organs of speech (prophania); in these and similar disorders, we join in giving it our fullest recommendation.

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—The “Kyrle Society” of London has lately painted and decorated some wards in the Westminster Hospital in the modern style of art, and the general effect is said to be most delightful. It is understood to be the intention of the Society to visit the different hospitals and paint the walls and ceilings of the various wards in a way calculated to have a refining influence upon the tastes of the poor sufferers.

—The editor of an American journal, wishing, recently, to show up a *confrère* as far behind the times, can think of nothing better than to say that “the doctor does not seem to be aware of the fact—familiar to all the rest of the medical world, at least in America—that the Listerian bubble has burst.” Hard on the Listerites.

—We cut the following from the remarks of Mr. Clement Lucas in the debate on Rickets at Pathological Society of London:—“Children under nine months, suffering from rickets, will almost invariably be found to be bottle-fed; whereas children suffering from rickets at sixteen or eighteen months will often be found still hanging to the mother’s nipple. In either case