

salt. The suggestion was accepted, and thus from twenty to fifty pounds of the beefsteak was saved from destruction daily, and a great many hungry families were thereby satisfied. The number of pounds of good meat annually wasted all over the world must number many hundreds of thousands. No one ever thinks of feeding a patient on the water in which eggs have been poached. Yet the difference, in the opinion of those who have studied the subject, is not so very great. In beef-tea you have none of the albumin, none of the fat, and only a little gelatin with a solution of salts. In fact, dogs fed on the strongest beef-tea only die after about the same period of time as those fed on water alone. These last experiments were made so long ago that we forget where they were reported. All that can be said in its favor is that it is a pleasant stimulant, and consequently finds its proper place in acute and depressing cases in which the patient can be trusted to live on his own tissues for a short time. In many cases patients soon tire of it, and can hardly be induced to swallow it, while in others it causes severe diarrhoea. It is possible, too, that owing to the gelatin, which has been chosen by bacterologists as the best material with which to make culture fluids, it may favor the progress of such diseases as are characterized by the growth of microbes in the digestive tract. As we stated in a former article on typhoid fever, the temperature seems to range one degree higher when the patients are fed on beef-tea.

Perhaps in most cases it would be better to throw away the beef-tea and give the patient the beef, properly masticated or artificially digested.

The Pennsylvania Legislature has under consideration a bill entitled "An act to establish a State Board of Medical Examiners and Licensers, and to define the powers and duties thereof." Its object is to guard the community against quackery and ignorance

in the medical profession. It is devoutly to be hoped that it will be stringent, and that it will be passed. Medical ethics, as they are called, are at a low enough ebb and in a muddy enough condition in some of the States across the border. Toronto knows what it is to be invaded by eminent foreign physicians and surgeons, advertising consultations free."

We clip the above from the *Mail*, one of the leading lay journals of Canada, as it expresses from the public point of view the necessity for State Board of Examination for the license to practice in the neighboring Republic.

We have been very much gratified during the last few weeks by the reception of several letters from our subscribers expressing their appreciation of the RECORD and of our efforts to give them as much practical information as is possible in the space at our disposal. As this is about the only reward we receive for our labor at present, we appreciate the spontaneous expressions of satisfaction all the more. We might embrace this opportunity to say to those who are pleased with the RECORD that if they could help us to extend the circulation by each obtaining a new subscriber, we could still more enlarge the scope of its usefulness, as we are prevented by want of space from introducing many first-class articles, which are a little too long for our Progress of Science columns, in which we take especial pride.

We have been requested by the General Secretary of the Canada Medical Association to announce that the Grand Trunk Railway has extended to the Association an offer of a reduced rate equivalent to that given by the Canadian Pacific Railway, from all points on their line, so that members may leave for Banff from the station nearest to them on either line at the same cost. This arrangement will also enable members from central Ontario, who wish to do so, to join the Canadian Pacific main line at North Bay.