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COMPARISONS "ODIOUS" OR OTHERWISE.

Dr. Stahl "attributes the frequency of consumption to the introduction of Peruvian bark."

Dr. Reed ascribes "the frequency of the disease to the use of mercury."

Dr. Rush says "that consumption is an inflammatory disease, and should be treated by bleeding, purging, cooling medicines, and starvation."

Galen recommended "vinegar as the best preventive of consumption."

Dr. Beddoes recommends "foxglove (a deadly poison) as a specific in consumption."

If we allow two hundred patients as an average number for each of the above-named gentlemen to have experimented on, that will give us two thousand sufferers from one disorder, whom they have unitedly helped on their way.

A medical man once told Voltaire that he (Voltaire) had made one of his characters live too long after he had received a certain wound: true, replied Voltaire, but you must remember that he was *not attended by a physician.*

PORK.

Such "merciful men" as are mercifully disposed towards animated nature generally, will be glad to learn that the decrepit horses whose ultimate destination it is to furnish repasts for pigs, prior to their reaching the goal of their career, are introduced to an equine paradise, at the pig-feeders' expense, *i.e.* they are led to such "pastures fair" as result in their once again becoming fat: when the height of their bliss has been attained, they are swiftly despatched, in order to enhance the happiness (and the fatness) of the pigs, on the principle of "*similia similibus curantur.*"