

veries of the world, of accident. Jenner, when a young man, was studying medecine in the house of a Mr. Ludlow, a surgeon in Sodbury, near Bristol, Jenner was accustomed to be present when his master was treating patients, in order that he might become practically familiar with the treatment of diseases. On a certain day, a young woman in the office of Mr. Ludlow, for treatment, the question of smallpox being discussed, thoughtlessly made the remark; "I cannot take smallpox, I have had the cowpox." This was the foundation for a discovery which was later on to electrify the world. Jenner was struck by the remark and never missed the opportunity of verifying the truth of this carelessly uttered statement. He reasoned thus by "if cowpox naturally produced does give immunity from smallpox, why will not the same disease artificially developed confer the same protection." Although laughed at and ridiculed, he was firm in the belief of this idea. On the 14th of May 1796 he vaccinated one James Phipps. To his unspeakable joy, as day by day he watched the result, he witnessed all the different stages of cowpox occur regularly and perfectly, and after being sneered at for a quarter of a century he turned to his confreres with a shout of joy, "behold the consummation of my dream." He had yet however many trials to endure before his theory was accepted, but in 1799 about seventy of the most distinguished physicians and surgeons of London, signed a declaration of their entire confidence and the benefits and advantages of his discovery; all the honors that could be heaped