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Dr. William Burton has been elected Governor of Delaware. The Doctor is about 70 years of age, and practiced in Milford, in that State, about 45 years.

—The Governor of New Jersey, Dr. William A. Merrill, of Allentown, is a physician in active practice.—An English gentleman, Lieut. Twyford, has taken a singular step in the way of promoting the study of natural history, more particularly in the craniological department, as instanced in his contribution to the museum of Rouen. That capital of Normandy has just received in a barrel of rackee five heads of Sepoys, classified according to caste.—The papers inform us that Miss Amy Sedgwick, London, the popular actress, has bestowed her hand on Dr. Parkes, who had the fortunate privilege of attending her in her late illness.—M. Kolliker, at a Congress lately held by the savans of Germany, at Carlsruhé, charmed his audience for an hour on the anatomy of the internal ear of the snail.—Lord Monboddo sustained: A new wonder has been lately announced, in a treatise by M. le Baron Lucapitaine, viz., men with tails—the Yem-Yem, a negro tribe, who are reported to have a remarkable extension of the os coccygis.—In the Botanical Gardens, Regents Park, an American aloe may now be seen in full bloom. The plant is upwards of 120 years old, and has not before exhibited a bud. The last instance of the kind, at the same gardens, occurred in 1849.—The number of students attending lectures at the larger medical schools of the United States this winter is as follows: Jefferson College, Philadelphia, 550; University, Philadelphia, 400; College of Pennsylvania, 125; School of Philadelphia, 130; University, New York, 210; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 175; New York College, 55. University of Nashville has been quoted at everything from 200 to 400. The class at Boston numbers 139.—A hot war is now waging between Professor Bennett and the eccentric Edinburgh Town Council. At a recent meeting held by the inhabitants in connection with the municipal elections, Professor Bennett accused the University of mal-administration in collegiate affairs. The Councillors, therefore, on October 30th, most forcibly vituperated the Professor, using, among other expressions in the debate, such epithets as "mountebank," "cursed thing," etc. The Lord Provost said they certainly placed their reputation much at stake, and consequently a *quasi* apology was made.—The consumption of tobacco in France increases most rapidly. The sale brought, on an average, a nett revenue to the treasury, in the last years of the empire, of 20 millions a year. In 1820 the produce was 42 millions; in 1841, 72 millions, and in 1856, 121 millions. Each inhabitant in 1820 consumed in the year, on an average, 352 grammes (500 to the pound); in 1841, 480; and in 1856, 706.—Addison tells us of a Parisian quack, who had a boy walking before him publishing, with a shrill voice, "My father cures all manner of distempers." To which the quack-doctor added in a solemn tone, "The child speaks truly."—The distinguishing features of empiricism are, large promises, stout lies, and affected sanctity.—Dr. Alexander Fidden, of Kingston, Jamaica, (W. I.) lately extirpated the entire tongue from a middle-aged female, who had been suffering for several months from cancer of the organ. She was reported to have recovered completely.