

H. Glasgow, Welland; 10, Dr. E. E. King, Toronto; Dr. H. Bascom, Uxbridge; 13, Dr. S. C. Hillier, Bowmanville; 14, Dr. A. E. MacColl, Belleville; 15, Dr. W. Spankie, Wolfe Island; 16, Dr. J. Lane, Mallorytown; 17, Dr. M. O. Klotz, Ottawa.

A contest between Dr. John Mearns, Woodstock, and Dr. J. H. Carmack, of St. Thomas, will take place in Division No. 2; in No. 5 between Dr. L. Brock, Guelph, and Dr. Vardon, Galt; in No. 9 between Dr. R. Gibson, Sault Ste Marie, and Dr. Aylesworth, Collingwood; in No. 11 between Dr. A. A. Macdonald, Dr. J. S. Hart, and Dr. B. L. Riordan, Toronto.

Vaccination.

A curious and little-known fact regarding the history of vaccination for variola recently came under my notice. It appears that the "Gallas," a dark-skinned African race, of fine physical development, who inhabit the tract of country which lies south of Somaliland and some distance inland from the Indian Ocean, have for centuries practised vaccination as a protection against the deadly epidemics of smallpox which at intervals frequently decimate the natives of the "East Coast." In proof of its efficacy is the fact that the surrounding tribes suffer severely, while among the Gallas epidemics are unknown, and the occasional cases which do occur are of the mildest type, pitting being rarely seen.

That they are a nation of cattle-raisers is of interest, as also is the fact that they occupy an isolated position among their neighbors on account of their fondness for the latter's herds.

The inoculations are made on the side of the nose; beyond this my informant could give me no particulars, as the natives were most reticent regarding the whole matter.

That the Chinese and Gallas have forestalled one of our "modern" discoveries is something to which we should give more than passing thought.

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