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By Charles H. LaWall. The J. B. Lippincott Company
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By Bernhard J. Stern. The Columbia University Press
\$2.25 8¾ x 5¾; 136 pp. New York

A study of the manner in which personal interest, the power of habit and the natural stupidity of man have retarded the acceptance of such things as dissection, vaccination, asepsis and the germ theory of disease. The book is by no means thorough, but the facts that it exhibits are certainly appalling enough. It is No. 287 of the Columbia University Studies in History, Economics and Public Law.

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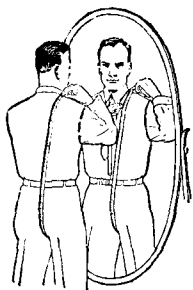
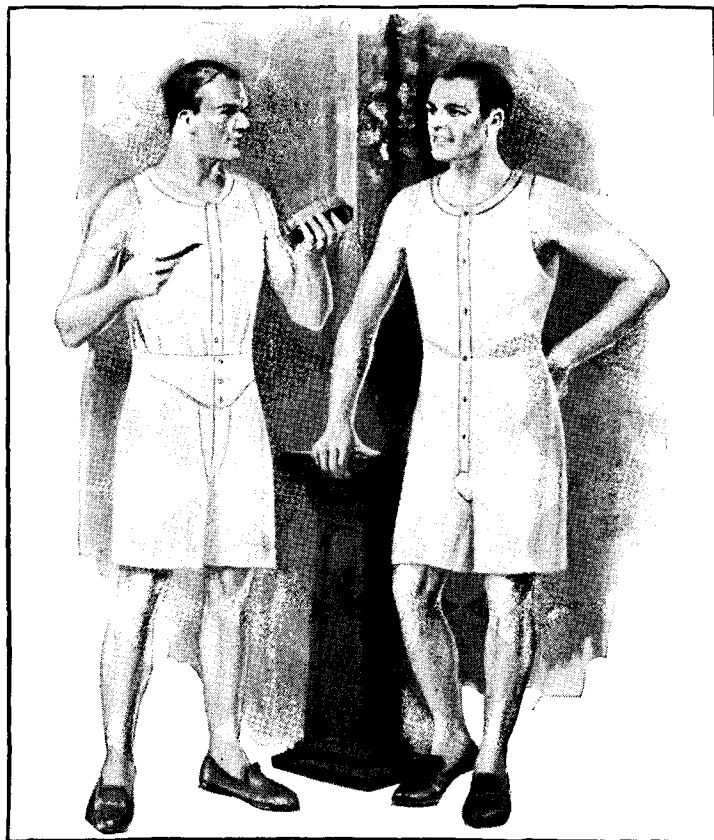
By W. H. Hudson. The Modern Library
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