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OW is the time to test the sanitary armour upon which England has so prided herself, for there is no doubt that the cholera in a very virulent form is at our gates.

Fortunately the season is favourable for us, because it is a well-known fact that this, like some other infectious diseases, makes little progress in the autumn and winter, and in former epidemics in this country the intensity of the invasion lessened very perceptibly after September was over. So far, the cases which have occurred have usen rapidly isolated, and the foe has clearly not effected a landing in force upon our coasts. But while those who are best acquainted with cholera believe that we shall not have much of it in England this year, they do not conceal their apprehension that there is very grave danger of its appearance in 1893, according to the rule observed in former visitations. However, forewarned is forearmed, and our sanitary authorities are now much better aware of what to do and how to do it than they were in 1845, or even in 1866. Unhappily, the case seems to be very different in other countries, and notably in Russia and Germany. For weeks, the death roll in the former country has averaged nearly 3000

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