

"No flocks, that roam the valley free, to slaughter I condemn; Taught by the Power that nities me I learn to nity them "-Goldsmith.

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# London Growing Healthier.

THE death-rate in London for the year 1905 was the lowest on record since the registration of deaths was made compulsory; it stood at 15'1 per 1,000, as compared with 21 in 1891. The rate of mortality from consumption has been reduced to one-half what it was forty years ago. There is still a high mortality rate among infants. This is a most serious matter, and it is well that so many eminent physicians are interesting themselves to bring about an improvement in present conditions. The representative meeting held at the "Tribune" Rendezvous and the strong committee organized to secure legislation, which will at least keep helpless little children from the publichouse, should be productive of much good, and we feel sure the readers of GOOD HEALTH will do everything in their power to forward such an excellent movement.

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# The Dangers of Home Life.

"HOME is the most dangerous place I ever go to," remarked Mr. John Muir, the famous geologist and naturalist, to a correspondent of the "World's Work." He was on the train returning from Arizona to his home in Martinez, California, after the "As long as I camp out in earthquake. the mountains, without tent or blankets, I get along very well; but the minute I get into a house and have a warm bed and begin to live on fine food, I get into a draught, and the first thing I know I am coughing and sneezing, and threatened with pneumonia, and altogether miserable. Outdoors is the natural place for a man. Walk where you please, when you like, and take your time. The mountains won't hurt you, nor the exposure. Why, I can

live out for  $\pounds 10$  a year, for bread and tea and occasionally a little tobacco. All I need is a sack for the bread, and a pot to boil water in, and an axe. The rest is easy."

## **Open-Air Simplicity.**

Truly life is a far simpler thing than most people realize; and no doubt Mr. Muir would find on trial that the tea and tobacco could, with real advantage, be replaced by something more in harmony with the outdoor spirit. Narcotics are the bane of twentieth century civilization, and though the outdoor enthusiast by his otherwise healthy life and active habits suffers less from such things, he has also a poorer excuse for resorting to their use.

It would be well if more people knew the danger on the score of health that attaches to the stuffy, bad-smelling, germreeking places, that pass under the name of home. We are not referring now to the slums, but to houses good in themselves, and occupied by people otherwise very intelligent, but who are grossly ignorant of the body's need of fresh air night and day. If the people of this island generally were deprived of half their so-called home comforts, and compelled to sleep on hard beds, with wide-open bedroom windows, and fed on coarse, wholesome food, ninetenths of the medical men would have tolook elsewhere for a living.

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## Healthful Footwear.

A LITTLE attention given to hygienic clothing of the feet will yield ample returns in health and working ability. Sandals of some kind are without doubt the proper thing in summer, and if the desire to avoid attracting undue attention leads

most of us to wear light boots or shoes in public, we can, at least, have sandals for home wear. Children should wear them throughout the warmer season of the year.

There is, furthermore, a great difference in boots. Some makes are exceedingly unhygienic; others conform to the natural shape of the foot, and may be worn day after day with real comfort. Needless to say, the latter should be worn by outdoor enthusiasts. The well-made boot for outdoor wear should have a thin layer of cork, so that the wet from muddy pavements or dewy grass will not permeate through. The sole of the boot-clad foot is peculiarly sensitive to cold and damp; hence the great advantage of the strip of cork, which keeps the foot dry. Ordinary soleleather is just porous enough to admit the damp, and yet not sufficiently porous to allow it to dry readily. Hence the peculiar danger on the score of colds of sitting with wet boots.

#### The Christian Science Delusion.

APROPOS of Mark Twain's book on Christian Science, just published by Harper & Brothers, and which the "Tribune" reviewer calls the most damaging indictment of this cult that has yet been penned, our readers may be interested in the following experience related by Dr. J. H. Kellogg in a Sanitarium lecture, and reported in the "Medical Missionary":--

I had a patient, some years ago, a girl, who had thrust a penknife into her eye and destroyed it. The inflammation was threatening to destroy the other eye, so I had to remove the injured eye. I decided to make a test of Christian Science in this matter and so wrote a letter, wording it as though the girl had written it, and had her sign it after telling her the purpose of it. The letter read as follows :-

"I am a girl of sixteen, and have had the misfortune to lose the sight of one of my eyes. This will be a great impediment to me all my life. I wish it might be cured, but my doctor says he cannot help it, and thinks that the sight of my eye is gone for ever. Can you do something for it?

I sent that letter to all the leading Christian Science healers that I could hear of, and pretty soon letters came back from every one of them saying : "I will cure it." Their terms were from one to five dollars a treatment. They agreed for five dollars, or three dollars, or two dollars, or even one dollar, to sit down once a week and think about that eye until they thought it back, though, of course, they did not know the eye was gone.

They promised to cure it, without asking any questions at all, provided the money was sent in.

I wrote another letter for the little girl in which

was the following :--"I am a very poor girl. My parents are very poor, and cannot posssibly pay so much. Wouldn't you, as I am such a poor girl, and it is so important for me to have the sight of my eye, do it for me free ?

# No Zeal for the Poor.

There came back just one letter out of the whole lot, and that was from a young lady down in Boston, who said : "I have just finished a course of Christian Science with Mrs. Eddy, and haven't had much experience yet, but think I may be able to help you, and will try it."

She was an honest girl, and I did not let her waste any time over it, but wrote and told her there was no eye there, and then she did not care to undertake the job. But it is as easy to make a new eye as it is to take an old dead eye and create it anew, and Mrs. Eddy claims to have done such things. She says : "By mind alone I have pre-vented disease, preserved and restored health, healed chronic as well as acute ailments in their severest forms, elongated shortened limbs, relaxed rigid muscles, restored decaying bones to healthy conditions, brought back the lost substance of the lungs, and caused them to resume their proper functions."

Such claims are not only false, but ridiculous. To elongate shortened limbs requires nothing less than creative power. The amazing thing, as Dr. Kellogg says, is that so many thousands of people can believe these lies.

# The Patent Medicine Delusion.

And yet, we have not far to look to see even larger multitudes giving credence to equally ridiculous claims. Here is part of an actual patent medicine advertisement taken from a recent English newspaper:

"Note :- This coupon sent to ---- & Co., Ltd., ----, will bring you a free sample bottle containing  $f_{.50}$  worth of nerve force gratis."

A statement more completely and fundamentally false it would be hard to find, and yet just such claims are widely believed, and are the means of selling millions of pounds worth of nostrums, which are not, like the "absent" treatments of the Christian Scientist, merely harmless, but may bring on serious disease. Nerve force corked up in a bottle! The idea is preposterous. Perhaps it may be said in excuse that the advertisement was not intended to be taken literally. That has nothing to do with the question. The proprietors evidently wished to convey the idea that their medicine will actually impart new nerve force to the buyer, and that is precisely what it cannot do. The same false claims are repeatedly urged on behalf of a very large class of nostrums, and this fully accounts for their enormous sales. Superstition of the darkest hue is rampant in matters pertaining to health and hygiene, and the patent medicine advertisements uphold and confirm it.

## THE TWENTIETH CENTURY STOMACH: ITS NEEDS AND ITS ABUSES.

#### BY M. ELLSWORTH OLSEN.

ONE need not look far to become thoroughly convinced that the modern stomach needs looking after. Dyspepsias of various kinds have multiplied till it requires a specialist to name them, and they appear not only singly in widely differing forms, but also in the most baffling combinations, many a poor sufferer carrying about with him a sufficient number of distressing symptoms to supply a family doctor book.

#### The Nostrum Cure.

To be sure, patent medicine "cures" are to be had in plenty, and if one-tenth part of the claims confidently put forth by the venders could be made good, weak stomachs would long since have become a thing of the past. Unfortunately, so far from the much-lauded pills and tablets and tonics effecting cures, there are the best of reasons for believing that they are among the chief factors in producing digestive disorders. A patient may, to begin with, have a difficulty which is of a temporary nature, and would soon pass off of itself; but hearing that his friends A and B have reaped great benefit from a certain nostrum, he tries it himself, gets worse, then tries something else, and is shortly fully initiated into the society of dyspeptics.

#### The Rational Cure.

Any satisfactory treatment must be based on scientific principles. To seek the cause of a given disorder and then remove it, at the same time by natural methods endeavouring to co-operate with Nature in the restoration of health and vigour—this is the course taken by the wise physician. Diet reform, then, underlies all rational treatment for dyspepsia. The question needing attention is not,

what is the condition of the stomach? but, what is going into this organ four or five times a day? The great need of the twentieth century stomach is scientific feeding, and fair treatment generally. The abuses from which it suffers may be summed up under three chief heads:—

Sedentary habits.

Unscientific feeding.

Dosing with nostrums.

There can be no doubt that a very large item in the list of disease-producing factors of modern life, is the ever-increasing tendency to sedentary habits. Never was there a time when so small a proportion of the race was earning its bread by daily toil out-of-doors. Brain work replaces muscular work year by year. Men invent machines to save hand labour, but reap the inevitable result in many an insidious disease which owes its virulence and power to indoor conditions. Sedentary habits are especially productive of digestive disorders. Nature has decreed that the man who will not work with his hands shall not eat with any degree of digestive comfort.

Digestion is usually regarded as confined to the alimentary canal; but the final act of the process, the assimilation of the food, takes place in the tissues, and is dependent on an abundant supply of oxygen. The sedentary worker who is breathing foul air almost all the time, and seldom gives himself vigorous, outdoor exercise, which by inducing full breathing would send a large supply of oxygen to the tissues, is starving himself as truly as the man who refrains from taking necessary food. He may eat quantities of meat and bread and vegetables, but without fresh air he cannot properly assimilate this nourishment; hence he is clogging his system without increasing his strength. Oxygen, rightly, considered, is really a digestive principle as important as the bile or the gastric juice, and full, deep breathing, with outdoor activity, would have warded off most attacks of dyspepsia.

However, it must be admitted that even farmers and other people who spend much of their time in the open air may suffer from dyspepsia. Others again are obliged to be indoors a great deal, and yet manage

to maintain their digestive organs intact. Evidently, then, there are other factors to consider. Let us look at the food question. We have science in the pulpit in these days, science on the farm, and in the workshop; but do we have science in the kitchen? Do housewives and cooks realize that on the quality of the food prepared in the kitchen, will depend very largely the health of the whole Is it not a household? most deplorable fact that the feeding of horses and hogs is often more scientific, better calculated to bring definite results in the way of health and

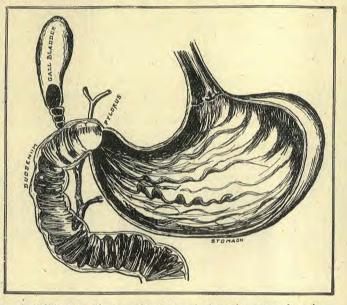
strength, than is the feeding of children?

#### Diet of the Factory Girl.

How could one rationally expect sound, healthful bodies on a diet of strong, stewed tea, white bread, and pickles, and liberal quantities of adulterated sweetmeats thrown in between times? And yet thousands of factory girls live on just such fare year in and year out. No matter how small their wages, they can always buy tea and pickles and sweets, the very things they ought absolutely to avoid. It is a wonder they can live at all on such a diet. Certainly they suffer very generally with anæmia, frequent headaches, and indigestion, and they usually have wretched teeth, a fact which points to poor nutrition, and general premature decay of the bodily forces.

Stewed tea is by no means confined to factory girls, however. The labouring

man of to-day is developing a great fondness for this vile beverage, with which he washes down the food which ought to have been eaten slowly, and thoroughly mixed with the saliva. Tea which has only been infused a few minutes, still contains a considerable per cent of tannin, and its full quota of caffeine and volatile oils, which are the chief constituents of "the fragrant herb." Hence it cannot be regarded as harmless, although less injur-



ious to the stomach than the stewed variety.

#### Vogue of the Teapot.

There can hardly be any doubt that the enormous vogue of the teapot is one leading factor in the growth of digestive disorders. Britain uses a quantity of tea annually which allows six pounds each for every man, woman, and child in the kingdom. In the great majority of European countries the consumption is less than onesixth. Only in Australia, where tea is much used in the bush, does the per capita consumption equal that of Great Britain; and Australia, it may be added, is another country where dyspepsia is making large inroads on the public health.

Tea is not, properly speaking, a food; it is really a drug, and as such has no useful place on our tables. Like other narcotics, it has a fascination of its own, and on being used for a time, can with difficulty be given up. Dr. Osler said recently that it was an unnecessary article of diet, and served to clog the vital machinery.

The large increase in the use of flesh foods is another contributory cause of poor digestion. Meat is not a good body-builder, notwithstanding popular opinion to the contrary. It is heavily charged with tissue poisons, which, when taken into the body, overwork the excretory organs to get rid of them, and often predispose to kidney disease. A meat meal is satisfying for the time being, and produces a feeling of comfort and well-being; but it does not stand by a man nearly so well as a meal composed of well-cooked vegetables and nuts and cereals.

#### Condiments.

Again, while meat in itself is not particularly difficult of digestion, the free use of mustard and pepper, and other hot things usually taken with meat, is decidedly harmful to the digestive organs. The Englishman, though content with plain fare, and scorning the elaborate dishes of some other nations, is particularly prone to season his food at the table, and the quantities of Worcestershire sauce and similar condiments consumed in hotels and boarding-houses is astounding.

#### **Too Frequent Meals.**

The twentieth century stomach could do with a little rest occasionally. We would not advocate fasting, nor the one-meal system; neither would we advise two meals indiscriminately; but there are probably very few persons who will not find three meals daily amply sufficient, the times to be, say, at eight, one, and six. To eat oftener seems waste of time, and a needless demand on the stomach, which it should be remembered is a muscular organ. and as such requires times of rest. To eat a heavy supper just before retiring, is to deprive the digestive organs of needed rest during the night, and cause one to awake in the morning dull and stupid, and with no real appetite for breakfast. Sitting down to a meal as a matter of course, without appetite, one very naturally resorts to condiments; and one main reason why these are used in such large quantities in Great Britain is that our meals

come too close together. We have only just eaten breakfast when lunch is announced, tea follows soon after, then dinner, then supper. What a procession! The Greeks, at the time of their highest achievements, ate but two meals daily, and they lived far more active lives than most Englishmen to-day. Of course, they did not have the English climate, which we must confess is a remarkable appetizer, and wonderfully wholesome. If it were not for our climate, our rather gross eating and free use of alcoholic drinks would have made far greater inroads into the national health than they have; but even a good climate cannot fully atone for dietetic sins.

It is a pleasure to note some distinctly encouraging signs. Breakfast foods have evidently come to stay, and we are heartily glad to see it, even though they may not possess quite as many virtues as are claimed for them. Fruit is another article of food which is coming into more general use, and nuts and nut foods are bidding fair, wholly or in part, to take the place of meat in a great many homes.

#### The Diet of To-Morrow.

Furthermore, there is a general reaching out after a more wholesome and scientific preparation of food. The cuisine in the army and navy is, in some respects at least, a good deal better than it used to be, and the principles of plain cookery are now taught to girls in many of our best schools. Very much has been done in recent years by the Universal Food and Cookery Association, under the able leadership of its managing director, Mr. C. Herman Senn, to raise the standard of English cookery, and to promote a knowledge of the principles of food preparation and domestic economy in general. No doubt still greater triumphs are in waiting; for the Association has shown the open mind and eager love of truth that mark the true scientist. It is the writer's confident hope that cookery will yet take its place as one of the noblest of sciences; that medical students will be required to have a thorough knowledge of food values. that the doctors of to-morrow will not consider it beneath their dignity to inquire most carefully into the question of a patient's diet, and if need be, send a qualified cook to show how his food should be prepared; and that the kitchen of the future will be regarded in its true character, as a laboratory where the latest scientific results are to made use of in the preparation of food which will give the utmost results in health and efficiency.

Scientific cooks are already in the highest demand, and it is a great pity that more of the country's young women do not enter this profession. If some of the bright girls who are training for stenography, and other clerical work of a more or less confining character, would go in for a thorough mastery of scientific cookery, they would find the work on the whole more wholesome and enjoyable, and far better than office work as a fitting up for home-keeping on their own account later.

# THE HYGIENE OF MOTHERHOOD.

#### BY J. J. BELL, M.D.

THERE is, perhaps, no time in the early life of an individual which has more to do to shape and mould his future career than have the months immediately prior to and after the birth of the infant. The life of the mother during this period will determine largely the history of the future man or woman; for the offspring depends entirely on the life forces of the mother. Every thought or word or act on her part will leave its imprint to be handed down



GET DOWN TO YOUR WORK.

to the next generation, shaping the health and character.

The burdens and cares of the mother at this time should be lessened, so that she may not by too great exertion on her part deprive her child of the nutrition which Nature has provided for it.

The diet should consist of easily digested, well-cooked, simple, and nourishing foods, taken in liberal quantities. Stimulants, narcotics, and foods containing extracts

> which increase the labour of the kidneys, should be avoided. Fitful and variable appetite should not be gratified with food which will not impart a good quality of nutrition.

> The dress should be composed of material which will maintain warmth and a healthy circulation through the skin and extremities, thus preventing internal congestion. The feet should be kept dry and warm. The weight of the clothing should be suspended from the shoulders, thus avoiding all constriction around the waist line.

> Much time should be spent in the open air studying Nature'shandiwork.

> The mind should be kept occupied with pleasant, cheerful thoughts, and on no account be allowed to dwell on things which cause sadness and gloom. If the prospective mother is unhappy, easily agitated, irritable, and liable to outbursts of passion, the nourishment for the offspring will be-

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unfavourably affected, and thus the constitutional strength, and the mental faculties of the child to be will suffer. During the period of nursing, colic spasms and convulsions may be produced from a similar cause.

On the other hand, the mother who culti-

# A New Solution.

THE other day the school of a local town was visited by an inspector. Wishing to test the knowledge of the junior classes before leaving, he asked the following question:

vates a cheerful, peaceful, pure, and temperatelife will be repaid tenfold for her trouble in future years as she sees the same traits of character springing forth in her children.

#### Don't Stoop.

WE hope many of our readers will spend some time daily this spring and summer in the garden. Not only is it wholesome to be out under the open heavens, but caring for plants is itself a most delightful occupation, affording real refreshment to mind as well as body. Care should be taken,

however, to avoid unnecessary stooping, which involves contracting the chest and thus hindering full, deep breathing. Usually the work can be done just as well by assuming a lower position, as in the illustration opposite. Hoeing, raking, and spading can be done very easily while maintaining an expanded chest and a wellarched spine. If it is necessary at times to assume for a few moments a cramped position, straighten out and take a few deep breaths immediately afterward, so as to correct any tendency to a stooping habit, which is most unhealthful as well as ungainly.



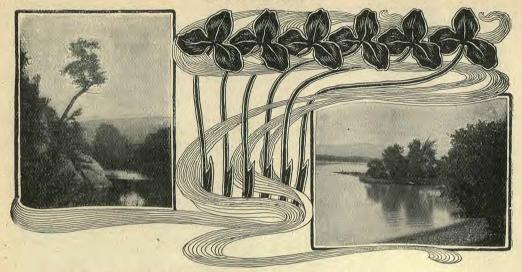
CONDUCIVE TO BACKACHE.

"Can any of you tell me why Adam was made a man?"

The class meditated for some time, and at last a little girl, sharper than the rest, exclaimed:

"Please, sir, if he was made a baby there wouldn't have been anybody to nurse him!"—Birmingham Post.

LET it be our happiness this day to add to the happiness of those around us, to comfort some sorrow, to relieve some want, to add some strength to our neighbour's virtue.—*Channing*.



# THE RATIONAL CURE OF DISEASE.\*-Concluded.

BY ALFRED B. OLSEN, M.D.

As TO diet our directions are very simple -take the food that you can best digest, and that will build up the body and make for sound health. I am dealing with the subject of diet from a hygienic standpoint -ves, from a scientific standpoint. The body is made from the food that we eat; the bread of to-day is the blood of tomorrow. The most effectual, and, indeed, the most successful way of treating chronic diseases is to strengthen and build up the general health. All physicians recognize this principle, and in one way or another attempt to put it into practice. What the body needs is nourishment. The blood is the life of the body, in that it is the lifecarrying medium of the body. And what is it that gives life, if it is not the food that we eat from day to day? Then, if we would strengthen the weakened body, we should look to our diet and see to it that the food is properly selected, well cooked, and taken in such a form and such quantities as will suit the bodily needs.

#### Diet v. Drugs.

The physician who believes in the rational cure of disease will give every possible attention to the diet of his patient. He will recognize that it is good food that is to restore the patient, and not the uncertain draughts that the chemist may compound for him.

But the physician will deal with many other matters besides food and drink. which we believe to be fundamental, and which we have therefore dealt with at the beginning. There are also air and sunlight. Almost all doctors, including the most conservative, are of the opinion that fresh air is the proper medicine for a consumptive. But this was not the case fifteen or twenty years ago. As we look back over the past decade, we shall see a very marked change of opinion amongst medical men concerning the fresh air treatment of consumption; but I hold that, to a greater or less extent, the fresh air treatment might be applied to many other diseases with equal benefit. When the body is ill, it is weak, and consequently needs to be strengthened. The resistive forces are within the body, but they become weakened and deadened through illness. By increasing these natural resistive forces through supplying the physical needs of the body, we make it possible for the so-called vis medicatrix naturae to manifest itself, fight the disease, and drive it from the body. As a general rule, I believe that most patients would make a more rapid and complete recovery without

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<sup>\*</sup>Partial report of an address to the Birmingham Natural Health Society. The first part appeared in the March number.

the aid of the old-fashioned drug-prescribing physician. Let the patient alone as far as poisoning him is concerned; feed him; give him more fresh air, plenty of sunlight, rest, sleep, and some plain water baths, and it will appear marvellous to see the rapidity of his recovery. We all believe this in a way; but do we really put it into practice?

Some one will ask, What about the doctor? Well, I believe the doctor is a very useful man, and that he can, and will be, in the course of a few years, far more so than he is to-day. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the report that in China they pay their doctors as long as the patients are well, and stop payment when they become ill; but, if this is true, I think it is a far more rational system than ours; for we put a premium on sickness. It speaks well for the medical profession; it shows that, taken as a whole, it is composed of men of genuine integrity, when they do everything in their power to hasten the recovery of the patient, knowing, as they must know, that the longer he is ill the better they are off financially.

Well, now, in all seriousness, would it not be far better to employ a medical man for the purpose of preventing disease, and use him as a counsellor for the maintenance and preservation of the health of yourself and family? The longer you are spared from illness, and the fewer the members of your family that fall sick, the happier you are, and the larger your gain from every standpoint. Then why not pay your doctor a reasonable annual stipend, according to the size of your family and the amount of service you expect from him, and call him in before anyone takes ill, requesting him to inspect your house, or drains, or kitchen, or bedroom, and to give advice concerning your diet, exercise, and general habits?

#### Natural Remedies.

However, in the rational cure of disease, we do not have to depend entirely and solely upon fresh air, sunshine, sleep, and diet. We also have a number of efficient and useful remedies to fall back upon remedies that are furnished us by Nature. Foremost of these is water. The ease with which water is applied in different

forms to the body makes it not only one of the most valuable, but also one of the most convenient means of treating disease. The fomentation is a panacea for pain, and of what does it consist?-Simply hot water and a cloth, nothing more. A woollen cloth is preferable. It is wrung out of very hot water and applied to the seat of pain, the result being almost instantaneous relief. It has a soothing, comforting effect, and drives the pain away as if by magic. Fomentations may be used in the form ofpacks for the joints, the limbs, or for the We also have cold and entire body. tepid compresses as well as the hot fomentations-to say nothing about the full bath, with or without the addition of electricity. sitz baths, arm baths, vapour baths, etc.



THE ELECTRIC LIGHT BATH.

In hydrotherapy we find one of the most powerful agents for the treatment and cure of disease.

Besides water, there is electricity, which is used in various forms—galvanic electricity, Faradic, high-frequency, sinusoidal electricity, static electricity, and the X-rays; and we must not fail to mention the electric light or radiant heat bath, which has

deservedly become so popular within the last few years. We also have massage and manual Swedish movements. The Swedes have conferred a great boon upon humanity by developing and perfecting the various manual treatments and movements which are associated with the names of Ling and Hartelius. They are just as useful for the maintenance and preservation disease of the heart, by the unwise use of physical exercise.

#### Advantages of the Sanitarium Method.

It will be seen from this brief presentation of the principles of rational treatment that there are two methods open to follow —one being the adopting of these principles, as far as possible, in the home, and



GROUP OF WORKERS AT THE CATERHAM SANITARIUM.

of health as for the cure of disease. We do not have to resort to apparatus to become healthy, and it is a mistake for men to think that they must become Sandows in order to resist disease. I hold that physical culture is for the purpose of symmetrically developing the body, and improving the functions of the various internal organs. Large muscles alone do not enable a man to resist disease, although people with strong muscles often do have a comparative immunity from illness. But there is danger of pushing the development of muscle too far, and not a few athletes have brought on some serious organic following them out systematically day by day. There are many efficacious procedures in hydrotherapy that can be easily administered by an amateur. This is particularly true of various baths, fomentations, hot packs, and such tonic applications as the salt glow, cold mitten friction, and oil rub. But it must be obvious to every one that a considerable number of patients will require such systematic regimen and scientific treatments as cannot be obtained in the ordinary household. Such will naturally have to resort to some institution where these methods are carried out in their entirety.

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In my opinion, one of the greatest advantages in a health institution is the regimen which it provides for its inmates. In such a place the new patient readily and easily falls into the habits and ways prescribed for him, all the other guests in the establishment doing the same thing. Meals are provided at regular and suitable intervals, and only wholesome and nutritious food is placed upon the table. No one can go far wrong under such conditions. Furthermore, systematic exercise is provided for the patients in the daily drills which are given morning and evening. It is pleasing to go to the gymnasium and join a cheerful company in doing various exercises under the direction of a competent instruc-The effect is decidedly exhilarating tor. and stimulating in every sense of the term. One feels uplifted after going through the drill. It improves the circulation, gives elasticity to the step, and grace to the figure.

Then there are baths, electricity, massage, and various other natural remedies, which are given by expert and skilled nurses, who have been trained in the anatomy and physiology of the human organism. The influence of the nurses is uplifting, for they are a bright, healthy, and active set of young men and young women, and succeed in imparting energy to their patients and filling them with good cheer. The whole atmosphere of such an institution makes for health-physical, mental, and spiritual and the patient is scarcely under the roof of a modern sanitarium more than a few hours without feeling the uplifting and cheering influence of the place. The course of treatment in almost all cases is essentially tonic, that is, strengthening and upbuilding. Each case is treated on its own merits, and there is no one routine through which every one is passed, as is, unfortunately, so common in the average Furthermore, the correct hydropathic. principle of treating the patient as a whole, and not merely his symptoms, is followed.

Taking these matters into consideration, it is not strange that many so-called incurable cases are cured in such institutions. The chronic invalid, who has oftentimes given up all hope of recovering health, soon gathers courage, and, in a very short time, feels the thrill of new life and vigour permeating his system.

# SOME PRACTICAL HINTS ON CAMPING.

BY HARRY J. STONE.

In the present article I shall deal with camps of a more or less permanent character, i.e., the holiday camp on farm or river-bank, the camp for a series of weekends in one spot, or the summer home under canvas. The more delicate details of the portable and cycle-camp may form the subject of a future article.

#### Tents.

Tastes in this matter vary almost as much as in the selection of a house of brick or stone. For a small camp the Regulation Army Bell Tent will probably be found most useful, as it is constructed to give a maximum floor space for a minimum surface exposed to the wind. Floor boards may be used, but with good groundsheets Nature's floor is much to be preferred. A great deal of the charm and health of camp life lies in sleeping on the bosom of mother earth.

The Cottage Tent is another useful pattern. As the name indicates, it is shaped like a cottage, and gives more head-room than the Army Bell pattern. A fly sheet, i.e., a sheet stretched across, and just clear of the top of the tent, must be used to shoot off the rain. As this shape offers a considerable surface to the wind, it will be found advisable to pitch it in sheltered positions. Both these tents may be hired, or bought, either new or second hand.

While, doubtless, one or the other of these patterns will meet the requirements of most campers, there are many others claiming various advantages over the two mentioned. Descriptions of these will be found in the lists of the various manufacturers of tents.

Tent pegs, poles, mallet, etc., are always supplied with the tent, and as their use is obvious, they need not be described.

In pitching a tent, it should be remembered that most tent materials will shrink considerably when wet. Don't forget, therefore, to let out your lines before retiring, or on the approach of rain or mist.

#### Ground Sheets.

As the name implies, these very useful articles serve the purpose of preventing any dampness of the ground from reaching chilly experience as he had anticipated, it is essential that the camper should sleep warm and comfortable. It will be found, however, that warmth depends far more on a wise selection and arrangement of material than on numerous or heavy coverings. A good sleeping-bag is a primary necessity, and a very excellent article of this nature is supplied by the Jaegar company.



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#### How to Make a Simple Sleeping-Bag.

the body of the camper. Generally speaking, they are of two varieties: (a) covering the whole floor of the tent; (b) accommodating one person. The latter is usually adopted, as it can be conveniently rolled round the blankets during the day, thus serving to keep the latter dry, and leaving the floor of the tent clear. They are sometimes made with a pillow-pocket, i.e., a pocket at the head into which may be stuffed a pillow, or a bundle of hay.

#### Blankets and Sleeping-Bags.

While the novice usually finds that sleeping in the open air is not such a A simple and cheaper sleeping-bag may be made in the following manner: Lay out a blanket or large travelling rug, and fold once from right to left. Sew together the edges along the bottom, two-thirds of the left side, and half the top. It will then be found that this forms a comfortable bag, with a hood to slip over the head, and two flaps to fold under the chin. With a little extra trouble this may be improved upon by cutting broad at the shoulders, narrow at the feet, and by making a special hood, with collar to button over. A good sleeping-bag and a

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warm sleeping-suit will be found sufficient for the early part of most nights in England, but an extra blanket may be placed across the feet, and, if required, pulled over the body in the early hours of the morning.

Camp bedsteads, camp stools, folding tables, etc., are often used in fixed camps; but one who has caught the real spirit of camp life will probably be glad to leave such things behind. Half the joy of camping would be lost if one could not stretch one's limbs on Nature's carpet of grass or heather.

#### **Cooking Utensils.**

These should be simplified as far as possible, or much of one's time will be taken up in cleaning and arranging pots and pans. Some large camp kettles will be of first importance. They should be in shape like painters' pots, with lids and wire handles, and made to fit one into the other. Deep tin pannikins are also extremely useful, and serve equally well as frying-pans or soup plates. They are very compact, and may be bought in quantities, and thrown away when burnt beyond cleaning. A number of tin or aluminium boxes\* will be required for flour, biscuits, sugar, salt, rice, etc. Waterproof bags should also be procured for storing bread and cake.

The remainder of the articles required, such as plates and mugs (enamelled), milk can, spoons, etc., will easily suggest themselves. Knives and forks that fit each in the handle of the other can be procured, and have obvious advantages for the camper.

#### Cooking.

Cooking over a wood fire is undoubtedly nearer the ideal than cooking over a stove. A wood fire is often inconvenient, however, especially when one's available supply of wood is damp. It will probably be better to use both methods. For a wood fire, a hole about six inches deep should be dug, and the loose earth piled round the edges. The turf should be laid aside, and replaced when leaving the site. Three rough, sturdy branches should then be fastened together at the top with wire to form a

\*Readers of GOOD HEALTH will find the boxes in which Nutter is packed serve excellently for this purpose.

"gipsy tripod," and the kettle dangled over the fire by a length of chain. The height or position of the kettle can be altered immediately, by moving one of the legs of the tripod. Nothing, perhaps, is more trying to the patience of the camper than attempting to light a fire in a gale of wind. The following method is recommended by a veteran, and has been found to answer under severe conditions. Roll a piece of brown paper into a funnel shape, and place the smallest twigs, pyramid fashion, round the funnel. Light the paper, and, if necessary, blow into a flame. Then feed with sticks, gradually increasing the size until a good fire is obtained.

The Primus is probably the most suitable stove for a camp. It heats quickly, gives little or no trouble, and, working under air pressure, burns well in a wind.

Camp dishes and recipes I propose to leave in more competent hands. Readers of GOOD HEALTH will find themselves well catered for in the current issues of the magazine.

#### Sites.

Low-lying fields and unsheltered spotsshould be avoided. Wooded hill-tops, and the wooded banks of rivers, make good sites as a general rule. In the mountains, a sheltered patch of green may often be found by a stream. The door of the tent should be open to the best view obtainable. One of the most charming experiences of camp life is to awake in the early morning and watch the sunlight breaking over the hills or across the sea.

#### Cost.

I have purposely omitted all mention of costs. Roughly, it may be stated that a holiday under canvas, *including the outlay* for the whole of the necessary equipment, will cost no more than a conventional holiday at a hotel or boarding-house. The gain in health, enjoyment, and education, to say nothing of the apparatus which you are sure to require for future expeditions, are assets beyond comparison.

Prices of the various camp items mentioned may easily be procured from a number of well-known firms.

SHUT the door to the sun, and you will open it to the doctor.—Italian Proverb.

## THE SPOTTED FEVER.

BY ALFRED B. OLSEN, M.D.

DURING the past few months, spotted fever, a disease that is comparatively rare in the United Kingdom, has been epidemic in several of our large cities, and has naturally received a great deal of attention. The fever appears to have started in Belfast, and a little later it appeared in Glasgow and other cities. Spotted fever, also known as cerebro spinal fever, is a very fatal disease, the death-rate ranging from thirty to eighty per cent.

#### What Is Spotted Fever?

In a few words, spotted fever is an inflammation of the *meninges* or coverings of the brain and spinal cord. Other names for the fever are meningitis, cerebro-spinal fever, and malignant fever. In many cases there is a marked purpuric rash, and this explains the popular name—spotted fever.

#### Nature of the Disease.

Spotted fever is undoubtedly an infectious disease, and is believed to be caused by a particular germ that was discovered some years ago. Although infectious, it cannot be described as a contagious disease; at least, it does not appear to be directly contagious. In the home it very rarely spreads from one member of the family to another, more than one or two seldom being affected. In many fevers there is a distinct course and development of the disease, but this is not true of cerebrospinal fever, which is rather characterized by great irregularity. Sometimes the fever is slight, at other times it runs high; and it may be intermittent or continuous. Sometimes there is a distinctive rash, and equally often this does not appear at all. In the United Kingdom the disease has hitherto been of rare occurrence, being more prevalent in the States. From the literature on the subject, it must be regarded as a modern disease, with a history of scarcely more than a hundred years.

#### Predisposing Causes.

Overcrowding, poor sanitation, neglect of personal hygiene, and general misery and squalor, are important factors in producing an epidemic of this malignant scourge. Mental depression and over exertion are among the predisposing causes. Adults are less susceptible than children and youth, and the disease is also less fatal among the former. The fever is more prevalent in winter and springtime. In this country the cities suffer most from its depredations, but in the United States it appears to have been most prevalent in the country districts.

#### **Two Varieties.**

There are really not two distinct varieties of spotted fever; but it is convenient to speak of a mild and a malignant type. The only difference is one of degree and not of kind, and there is really no dividing line. In the malignant type, the disease passes rapidly through the various stages, and may end fatally within a few hours of the onset.

#### The Onset.

Spotted fever almost always comes on suddenly, and, in the malignant variety, the patient is stricken down and completely prostrated in the course of a few hours. In the mild or ordinary type there may be a few preliminary or warning symptoms, such as headache, backache, and loss of appetite; but even then the disease sets in rapidly, and in a brief time the patient is in its grip.

#### Characteristic Symptoms.

As already intimated, the course of the fever is very irregular, and the symptoms vary a good deal. Still, the following may be looked upon as fairly common and uniform symptoms :—

Fever, usually moderate.

Headache and backache, generally severe.

Tremors of the muscles.

Retraction of the neck.

Rigidity of the muscles of neck and back. Delirium, more or less pronounced.

In the malignant type, the fever starts

suddenly with a violent chill, severe headache, and muscular spasms. There is great depression, fever, a slow, weak pulse, and there may be a purple rash. In such cases death usually occurs within a week, and sometimes in less than a day.

In the ordinary type, the symptoms are much the same but less severe, and the attack is also less sudden.

Other symptoms commonly met with are, sensitiveness to light and noises, irritability, and restlessness, especially in children, pain in the limbs, vomiting, and constipation. The delirium may be followed by stupor, coma, and death.

#### The Treatment.

Unfortunately, very little in the way of effective treatment can be done for the patient. Indeed, taking into consideration the real nature of the disease process, it is surprising that any of the victims recover.

There is no known drug that can be claimed as a specific for cerebro-spinal fever. All drug treatment is of little avail. The best authorities recommend baths and cold applications, but these measures accomplish but little even under the most favourable circumstances. Cold compresses, or better still, an ice-cap, may relieve the intense headache. Cold compresses may also be applied to the spine. Tepid and cool sponging will relieve the fever and often prove refreshing. The neutral full bath is perhaps the most useful hydriatic remedy, and it can be given at intervals of three hours. The temperature should be from 92° to 98° Fahr., according to the degree of fever and the state of the patient, and the duration of each bath should be from ten to thirty minutes.

#### The Diet.

Very plain and easily digested food should be given. As the patient loses appetite and becomes delirious, it may be necessary to feed by means of a stomach tube. A milk diet is highly recommended by some. It is often desirable to give with the milk a raw, beaten egg or barley water. Horlick's malted milk makes an excellent diet in many cases.

Others recommend fruit juices, and these are often valuable, especially if there is constipation, which is the rule.

#### Recovery.

Isolation, absolute rest in bed, and intelligent nursing are essential to control of the disease, and a successful recovery. Convalescence from spotted fever is always slow, and numerous complications may set in to retard the progress healthward, or bring a fatal issue. The favourable symptoms are, gradual decline of the fever, decrease of the muscular spasms and the rigidity, disappearance of the delirium, and improved nutrition. Great care should be taken to prevent a chill, which might bring on pneumonia, pleurisy, or pericarditis. As soon as the patient is strong enough, a visit to the country or seaside would help to promote recovery.

#### **Preventive Measures.**

The old adage about the value of prevention is peculiarly true of spotted fever. As already suggested, the disease is scarcely amenable at all to any kind of treatment.

The great desideratum is cleanliness. This means clean houses, clean air to breathe, *clean* (that is, pure) food to eat, *clean* (pure) drinks, and this would exclude all alcoholic beverages; and lastly, clean bodies within and without. In this connection we cannot sufficiently insist upon the absolute necessity of good ventilation, frequent bathing, and the thorough use of soap and water in personal and household hygiene. Spotted fever resembles typhus fever in that it is most likely to attack the poorer districts of cities and towns, where vitality is low from insufficient and poor food supplies and the free use of alcohol. where the people are crowded together indiscriminately, and where the dwellings are not only dirty, damp, and foul, but also grossly insanitary from almost every standpoint.

If you would escape the spotted fever scourge, get clean and keep clean, and live in a clean house and a clean neighbourhood.

It is always necessary to call in a physician, and this should be done at the earliest appearance of the disease.

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GIRLS need health as much as—nay, more than—boys. They can obtain it only as boys do, by running, tumbling, by all sorts of innocent vagrancy. At least once a day girls should have their halters taken off, the bars let down, and be turned loose like young colts.—Selected.

# FUNDAMENTALS IN DRESS.

BY CAROLYN GEISEL, M.D.

In the fundamentals of things as well as in ornamentation, the trend of the times is toward perversion. Whether, in that dim day-dawn when all things were pronounced good, it was the purpose of the Master mind that His highest creation should take so much thought of the

wherewithall to clothe itself, we possibly may not know. But taking the matter of dress as we find it in the now, we conclude that the fundamental reason for clothing the body can only be protection - protection from cold in winter and excessive heat in summer, from wind and rain and all untoward weathers, from the invasion of disease and discomfort by any means, at all times, and in any seasons.

Each garment in my wardrobe must answer me two questions: "What are you for?" and, "Are you the very best thing for that purpose?"

All things that be must give to the powers higher than themselves a reason for being—an excuse for existence, if

you will—lest they become encumbrances to life, useless baggage that weights and hinders him who lives, and living, must journey just once the difficult way from earth to higher things. Keep your baggage light, good friend; you will climb more easily if you carry no excess.

There are some articles of clothing commonly named among us, and worn by the majority of folk, that have no excuse for existence except that they are upon the market—are named and worn. The elimination of these superfluities will help us to simplify our baggage, and enable us to ornament the really useful. First, then, among the fundamentals of right dressing must be counted usefulness. If in purchasing or making we will keep well in mind the purpose of the garment, and the times and seasons in which it is to be worn, we shall eventually find ourselves, as Irving puts it, quite "technically dress-

ed," and shall not so often be hampered or made conspicuous by the lack of fitness of our attire to the business or pleasure of the hour.

The more complex our clothing in its construction and arrangement, the more difficult it becomes to keep the body first in our thought. and the clothing subject to the body's needs. Because of the many perversions from their prime purposes, we must be very alert in the construction of some garments, lest they do injury to the wondrous structure they were meant to protect. As an artist studies anatomy that brush and pencil may be true to nature's lines and curves. so a dressmaker or tailor should know the body, lest by bands and but-

tons he inflict bruises on delicate parts, or stays and weights displace some important organ, and a lifetime of suffering be the consequence of ignorance.

Over and over again it is shown that grave displacements of visceral organs are the consequence of efforts to beautify, *not* to protect, the body by clothing. An attire that is not useful but would-be artistic, loses for the wearer the normal beauty of this physical temple. Crossed eyes, large necks (goitre), square shoulders, prominent hips, protruding abdomen, flat insteps these and numerous other deformities are thrust upon us to offend the vision of out



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neighbour, produce suffering and doctors' bills, and shorten the life of the nation.

Nothing can be more beautiful than the normal body of a little child before it has been moulded and shaped to fit its clothing.

Come with me back to the normal; take up again that God-given dower of beauty; make simplicity the watchword in all that pertains to dress; and with each returning

# Seasonable Hints for the Kitchen.

GOOD cookery must be adapted to the seasons as well as to the occupation and habits of those for whom it is intended. A bill of fare which might be quite the thing for a bitterly cold day in mid-winter would seem out of place on a relaxing day in late spring or summer.

So also a dinner which would meet the wants of a labouring man who has been hard at work with his muscles in the open air, might not be so suitable for a man who has been sitting all the morning in a stuffy little office, racking his head over a set of books, or planning the details of a complicated deal on the Stock Exchange.

#### Simpler Food.

Fortunately there is a general reaching out after simplicity combined with wholesomeness. The old recipe books which call for such elaborate, complicated mixtures are going out of use, and the ideal the best cooks are setting before themselves is to prepare the various foods in such a way as to bring out their delicate, natural flavours instead of destroying these, and at the same time rendering the food unwholesome by the large use of irritating, condiments.

May and early June bring us an abundance of delicious vegetables: spring cabbage, new potatoes, young peas and carrots, lettuce, etc., while such fruits as oranges and bananas are still available, and rhubarb, which for practical purposes may be considered a fruit. The proteid element may be supplied by eggs, pulse, or some of the various nut preparations. Following are a few suggestive menus for simple meals:— season cry in a chorus to the modiste: Simplify, simplify !

There are, then, two cardinal points in right dressing, utility and harmlessness. Ornamentation must be secondary to usefulness, and simplicity should characterize ornamentation. This is from the viewpoints of art and beauty, as truly as of economy and utility.



#### RECIPES.

Tomato Vermicelli Soup.—Strain one quart of stewed tomatoes through a colander to remove the seeds and skins. Take one-half cup of vermicelli, drop in one cup hot water, cook until done, which requires only a few moments. Then turn into the tomato, heat together, season with salt if desired, and add  $\frac{1}{4}$ -cup nut or dairy cream. Serve hot.

Rye Gems.—Beat together one cup of cold milk, one egg, and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Beat in one-half cup of wholemeal flour, one-half cup of rye flour, and one-fourth to one-half cup of white flour, or sufficient to make a batter stiff enough to pile up in the dish as it flows from the batter whip. Beat for five minutes. Pour into heated gem irons, and bake about forty minutes.

Roast Nuttolene with Apples.—Cut the nuttolene, as it comes from the can, in halves, lengthwise. Lay the halves, flat side down, in a dripping-pan. Wash some tart apples, and slice enough of them, with the peeling on, to cover the nuttolene. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, add a very little salt, and a few bits of coccanut or dairy butter. Pour a little hot water into the pan, cover, and bake until the apples are tender.



#### Important Athletic Events.

MR. KARL MANN, the champion walker, has kindly informed us of two important athletic events soon to take place in Germany. On the 5th of May there will be a "Marathon running race" of 25 miles, and on the 19th of May a long distance walk "round Berlin" of 137 miles. These contests will be of very special interest

because the competitors are to be under the charge of Privy Councillor Prof. Dr. Zuntz, who is a wellknown authority on physiology. Each competitor will fill out a long list of questions calling for full details as to his habits. food, drink, etc. The results cannot but be exceedingly valuable. Ath-letes in this country who think of competing should communicate with the secretarial offices (G. Steinhoff), 29 Königstrasse. Berlin C 2, either direct or through the officers of their clubs.

We expect to give a full report of the results of the contest in an early number of GOOD HEALTH.

# The Outdoor Club.

THE second public meeting of the Club was held at the Surrey Hills Sanitarium, Caterham, Wednesday evening, 27th March, and was attended by delegates from the

branches of the Club in North London, Gillingham (Kent), Croydon, and Southend-on-Sea, the Croydon delegation being the largest. The members of the Club were the guests of the Sanitarium at tea, and quite a number of them reached Caterham in time to enjoy a very delightful afternoon ramble over the hills.

The meeting began promptly at 7.30, with Dr. J. H. Kellogg, superintendent of the Battle Creek (Michigan) Sanitarium, in the chair. The Club felt especially honoured in being favoured with the presence of the Doctor, who was *en route* for the Continent, and only made a short stop in England. Needless to say, he made a capital chairman, and his address not only brought out clearly the scientific principles underlying the movement, but filled the audience with enthusiasm for an all-round outdoor propaganda. The programme included a talk by Mr. H. J. Stone on "Camping," illustrated by his own "pocket edition" camp outfit; a talk by Mr. W. H. Wakeham on "The Gospel of the Open Window," a paper by Miss Elsie Cole on "The Morning Walk," a paper by Mr. T. C. O'Donnell on "The Countryside Ramble," an address of welcome by Dr. A. B. Olsen, superintendent of the Sanitarium, some very encouraging words from Mr. H. J. Osborne, J.P., and a brief statement by Mr. M. Ellsworth Olsen of the objects of the Club.

There was also some good music, including the rendering as a solo of the "Fresh Air Song," published in the April number of GOOD HEALTH, by Mr. Ledington, to music composed by himself. Dr. Kellogg was elected first honorary member of the Club by acclamation.

Lack of space preventsour giving any further account of this meeting, which was very fully re-ported in the Caterham Weekly Press the Saturday following. An abstract of Dr. Kellogg's inspiring address will be given in an early number of Good HEALTH. There being an hour to spare before train time, a large party went out for a moonlight ramble, which proved thoroughly enjoyable. The collection amounted to  $f_1$  13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the surplus after meeting slight expenses will be used to help swell a fund being raised for the purpose of giving poor boys an outing in a summer camp which Mr. H. J.



KARL MANN.

Stone (25 Marriott Road, London, N.) is arranging for near London. If any readers of the magazine would like to help in the enterprise, they are invited to send their contributions to Mr. Stone.

The Club is growing slowly but steadily. Mr. Morrell, our honorary secretary for Wandsworth, London, now has a little group of nine members which will in time be organized as a separate branch.

Mr. R. Cairns, 1 Douglas Road, Goodmayes, Essex, is an all-round outdoor enthusiast who has kindly consented to act as honorary secretary in his district. Readers of GOOD HEALTH in that part of the country are invited to communicate with him.

The aim of this organization in brief is to afford an opportunity for fresh air enthusiasts to get in touch with one another, and together work for the spread of wholesome outdoor principles, especially regular open air exercise and thorough ventilation.

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There are five branches at present, the latest one having been formed at Southend-on-Sea, with Miss Amy K. Osborne, Llanberis, West Cliff Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, as secretary.

New members may join the Club at any time. A full statement of the objects of the organization may be obtained by addressing the secretary, 451 Holloway Road, London, N.

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**Dried Currants—Olive Oil.**—J.D.: "1. I have been given to understand that dried currants are very nourishing as a food. Is this so? 2. Should the currants be washed before taking them? 3. I have been recommended to take cod liver oil two or three times a day, but, as I am a bad hand at taking it, do you think pure olive oil would answer as well?"

Ans.—1. Yes. They are not really currants but small grapes, and consequently possess the excellent qualities of the grape. 2. Yes. 3. Yes, we always prefer olive oil or nut oil to cod liver oil.

Stoppage of the Nose—Biliousness—To Put on Flesh.—"Stoppage ": "1. For a long time I have suffered with stoppage of the passages of the nose. How can this condition be corrected ? 2. How can I get a good circulation ? 3. Can you mention some suitable foods for one suffering from bilionsness? 4. Is it advisable to lie on the right side at night? 5. How can I put on flesh?"

Ans.-1. If it is a case of catarrh you would probably derive benefit from the regular use of the Catarrh Outfit for Home Treatment, furnished by the Good Health Supply Dept. The snuffing up of hot water to which a little salt has been added is also a useful measure. It might be safer to consult a competent physician. 2. By exercise outof-doors and a training in physical culture. 3. Take fruit freely, both fresh and stewed, with dextrinized breads, such as zwieback and granose biscuits, together with nuts. The nuts must be well chewed and reduced to a fine cream. Mealy potatoes with cauliflower, spinach, or brussels sprouts might suit you. You should discard flesh foods, and use milk and eggs sparingly. Drink water freely in the morning and between meals. 4. There is no objection to your lying on the right side at night; indeed, it is usually considered better than on the left. 5. By selecting foods that are nourishing, easily digested, and suitable for building the body, and taking pains to chew thoroughly. The foods mentioned under No. 3 will be found suitable. You must furthermore give attention to physical culture, and adopt as far as possible an outdoor life, also taking abundance of sleep. Your life must be free from care and worry.

Bromose—Diet for Dyspeptic—Pains In the Back.—H.L.: "1. I am taking the nut bromose manufactured by the International Health Association, of Birmingham, but am doubtful what quantity to use in order to obtain the gradual increase in weight that I desire. How many tablets should be taken with each meal? 2. I suffer acutely with atonic dyspepsia, which has weakened my heart and reduced my flesh. What diet would you recommend? 3. What form of treatment do you advise for constant gnawing pains felt in the fleshy part of the seat and extending to the hips and bottom part of the spine?"

Ans.-1. You could take from one to four tablets with each meal, according to your need. This you will have to determine for yourself. There is no general rule that can be laid down for all. 2. For breakfast, take fruit toast, well-cooked porridge, occasionally a soft-boiled or poached egg, brown bread and butter, zwieback, granose biscuits, toasted wheat flakes, avenola, with steamed figs, stewed sultanas, stewed prunes or baked apples, or fresh fruit. We give you this list, from which you can make a selection. For dinner, take some of the nut food preparations, such as protose with baked potatoes, some vegetable, macaroni, boiled rice, browned rice, stewed tomatoes, and similar foods. It is better to avoid taking fruit and vegetables at the same meal. The third and last meal should be taken not later than six or seven in the evening, and consist only of brown bread and butter with a little fresh or stewed fruit. Avoid drinking with your meals. 3. A hot sitz bath daily for five minutes, followed by a tepid sponge and a good rubbing.

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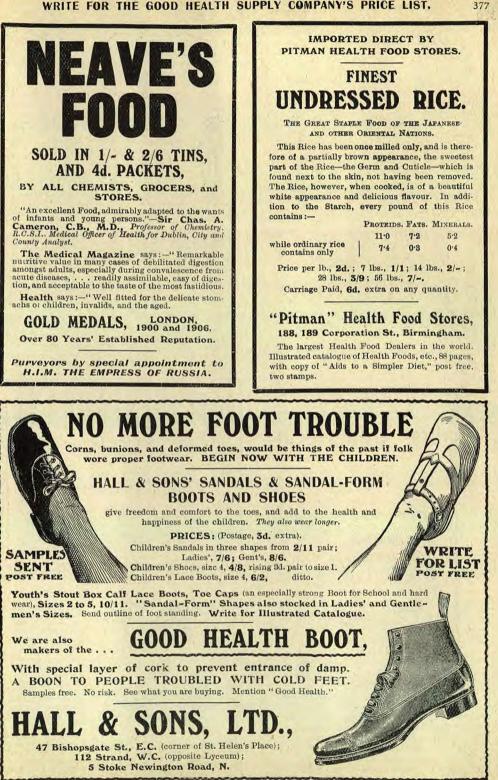
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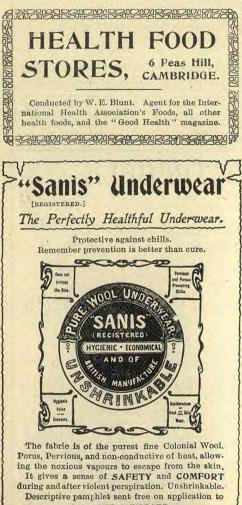


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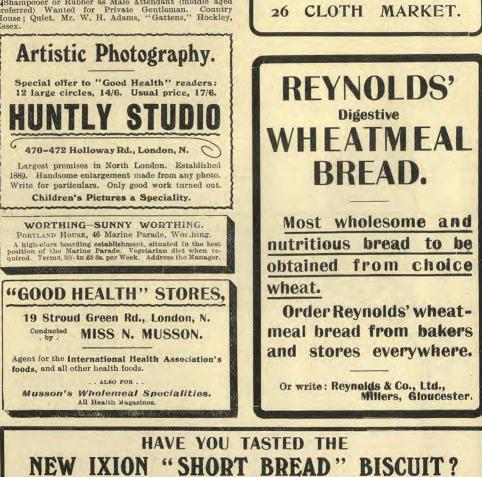
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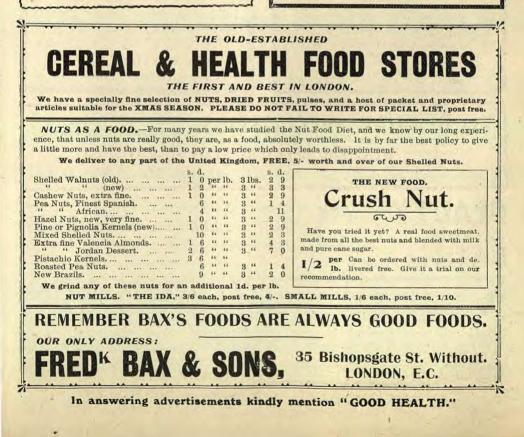
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