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LITERARY NOTES.

"The British Health Review."

-The fourth number of our excellent contemporary, "The British Health Review." has just come to our desk, and we take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to it. The magazine is got up in a very simple yet attractive style, and, as usual, it contains much important and useful information. Mrs. Sidney Webb has contributed a pertinent article dealing with the Poor Law and Public Health. As our readers know, Mrs. Webb is an authority on this subject, and was a member of the Poor Law Commission and signed the minority report. Some of the other articles dealt with are: "Cancer and Diet," "On the Delaying of Old Age," "The Man of Sixty Who Has Lived Well," and "The Cause of the Degeneration in the Birth-Rate." The latter article contains a lot of striking information and is contributed by the talented editor, Mrs. Hodgkinson.

There is a large field for such a magazine, and we trust that it will meet with the hearty support of all those who are interested in the national welfare of our country. The magazine is published by the British Health Review Company, 21 Paternoster Square, E.C., and can be obtained from all newsagents and booksellers. The price is 3d. per copy, or 4/- per annum,

post free.

"Health and Happiness, or The Way Made Plain" is a book written by Jabez Haigh, secretary of the Health and Purity Social Union. The author gives a large amount of simple but useful information of a very practical nature. Little attention is paid to theory, but emphasis is laid on the details of daily life. There are sixteen chapters in all, some of the chapter headings being: "The Law of Respiration," "The Law of Recuperation," "The Law of Recuperation," "The Law of Generation."

Part six contains some general directions for cooking, and is followed by a considerable number of wholesome, and we should judge tasty, recipes.

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From the chapter on "How to Strengthen

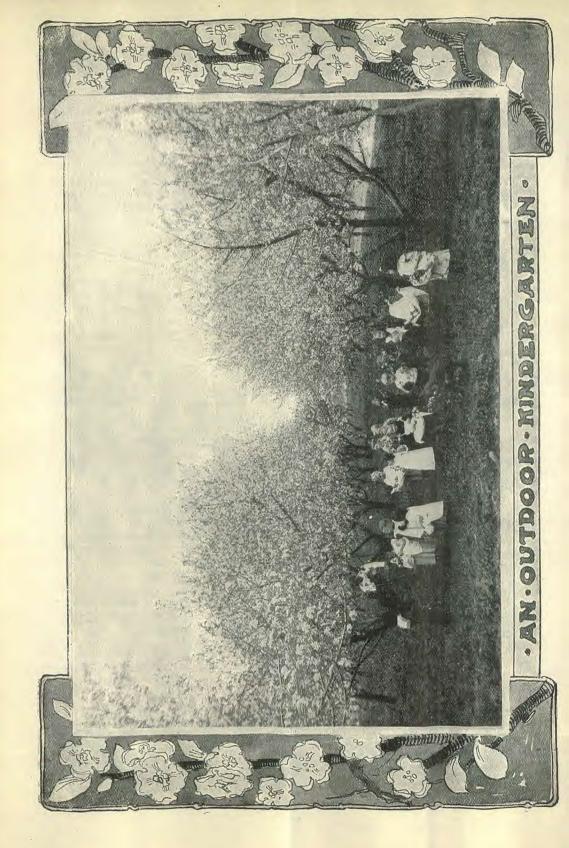
the Will," we quote as follows:-

Drop off one bad habit at a time and take to a better one in its place. Fill the mind with good, useful thoughts. Don't be vacant-minded. Get interested in life. Keep well occupied.

This is sound advice, and it is a sample of the wholesome instruction contained in the book. "Health and Happiness" deserves a wide circulation, and we commend it to our readers. It is bound in paper covers at 1/-, or 1/3 post free, and in cloth with a neat cover design at 2/-, or 2/3 post free. Send your orders to Richard J. James, 3 and 4 London House Yard, London, E.C., the publisher.

THERE is no need of going to romance for pictures of human character and fortune calculated to please the fancy and to elevate the imagination. The life of Alexander the Great, of Martin Luther, of Gustavus Adolphus, or any of those notable characters on the great stage of the world, who incarnate the history which they create, is for this purpose of more educational value than the best novel that ever was written, or even the best poetry; but all minds are impressed and elevated by an imposing and striking fact. To exercise the imagination on the lives of great and good men brings with it a double gain; for by this exercise we learn at a. single stroke, and in the most effective way, both what was done and what ought to be done.

Let therefore our young men study tomake themselves familiar, not with the fribbles, oddities, and monstrosities of humanity, set forth in fictitious narratives, but with the real blocd and bone of human heroism, which the select pages of biography present. An Athenian Pericles, with noble magnanimity, telling his servant to take a lamp and show a scurrilous reviler politely the way home; a German Luther, having his feet shod with the Gospel of peace, and the sword of the Spirit in his hands, marching with cheerful confidence against an embattled array of kaisers and cardinals; a Pastor Oberlin in a remote mountain parish of Alsace, flinging behind him the bland allurements of metropolitan preferment, and turning his little rocky diocese into a moral and physical paradise—these are great stereotyped facts, which should drive themselves like goads into the hearts of the young .-John Stuart Blackie.



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Editorial Chat.

Accidents. This is the season for drowning accidents, and it behoves every one of our readers to be familiar, not only with the great value of artificial respiration, but also the method of carrying it out.

"Purple as a Grape." SOME time ago, a young man was nearly drowned on the Rhode Island coast, remaining in the water more than twenty minutes. On being rescued he was, according to the official report, "as purple as a grape."

Artificial Respiration.

ALTHOUGH he was dead according to outward appearances and all precedents, nevertheless the water was emptied from his lungs, and Sylvester's method of artificial respiration was begun promptly. The arms were drawn up over the head to expand the chest, and then pressed firmly against the chest with a sort of bellows movement to deflate the lungs. This artificial respiration was conducted at the rate of about fourteen or fifteen times per minute.

Artificial Warmth. AT the same time an attendant was rubbing the limbs, and another built a fire and heated some stones, so that within half an hour's time the hot stones wrapped in clothing were applied to various parts of the body. This supply of artificial warmth by friction and the hot stones was second in importance only to the respiratory movements that were carried out.

Persistent Effort. ALMOST anyone would think it a hopeless task after working a full hour without any sign of success

over such an apparently lifeless body. It was not until the expiration of an hour and twenty minutes that the first sign of life was manifested. In the course of another twenty five minutes, or one hour and forty-five minutes from the time of rescue, a physician arrived and pronounced that the heart was going. But a still longer time intervened before the young man regained consciousness.

Life Lost Through WE do not wish to Inefficient Aid. convey the idea that every one who has been under the water for twenty minutes can be resuscitated; but, on the other hand, we believe that a persistent effort should be made in behalf of such cases. Too often artificial respiration is carried on in an inefficient and almost useless way, while friction and the application of artificial heat is more or less neglected. We believe that artificial respiration should not only be given in an intelligent and efficient manner, but that it should be kept up continuously for at least two or three hours before giving up all hope.

"Disguised Alcohol."

SPEAKING of the various tonics and other much advertised medicines on the market, the "British Medical Journal" says: "Many of them depend for their virtue, or at all events for their popularity and potency, simply on the fact that they are disguised alcohol in the strongest form." There can be no doubt about the truthfulness of this statement, and we trust that our readers will always bear it in mind when tempted to patronize any of these patent medicines. A common effect of their use

is to set up a habit of taking them regularly, so that dozens of bottles are consumed in the course of a few months. One dose sets up a craving for another dose, and there is soon a desire for increasingly large doses.

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Open Your Windows. IF any of our readers are not accustomed to having their bedroom windows opened, now, while the weather is mild, is a good time to make a start and form the habit. It is just as important to have the windows open at night as in the daytime. Moreover, the air is more pure and wholesome at night than in the daytime, and this is particularly true of the towns and cities, where dust and filth abound.

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Refreshing Sleep. IF you have a feeling of languor or tiredness in the morning, and have a desire to keep to your bed until the day is far advanced, the reason is probably due to a lack of fresh air at night. Invigorating and refreshing sleep is scarcely possible without an abundance of pure, fresh air in your room. The breathing of plenty of oxygen during the night will not only give sound, restful slumber, but also paint the cheeks with roses and give a fitness for the day's duties that is truly gratifying.

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The Congress THE Twelfth Annual on Alcoholism. Congress on Alcoholism was held in London from July 8th to 24th. There was a large attendance, more than four hundred foreign delegates alone being present, and the meetings were very enthusiastic. One afternoon was given to the question of temperance teaching in our schools, and the great importance of first teaching the teachers was emphasized by different speakers. Unfortunately this question of securing competent teachers seems to be the greatest difficulty in many places.

Alcohol and the Blood. THE third Norman Kerr Memorial Lecture was given in connection with the congress by Professor Taav. Laitinen, M.D., of Finland.

The professor has done an enormous amount of investigative work on the action of alcohol upon the blood, and he has shown clearly and in a thorough going, scientific way that the use of alcohol in any form lowers the resistive powers of the body against disease. To quote his words:—

It seems clear, therefore, that alcohol, even in comparatively small doses, exercises a prejudicial effect on the protective mechanism of the human body.

Open-Air AT the Health Congress Schools. recently held in Leeds, Miss Gibbs read a paper advocating open-air She considered the open-air schools. school one of the best means of promoting health and maintaining physical efficiency. We would not say that open-air schools are always and everywhere possible in such a climate as ours, as rain is such a frequent feature of our weather; but we do recognize, as all must recognize, the important part that fresh air plays in the maintenance of health. Altogether too often our children are crowded into small and poorly-ventilated rooms, where the conditions are such as not only to interfere with the health of the body but also with intellectual development.

Nutrition Before Education. At the same congress, Sir James Crichton Browne laid down the dictum that nutrition of the body was of first importance as against nutrition of the mind. He maintained that millions of pounds are wasted by our efforts to force education into bodies that were not fit to receive it.

Scarlet Fever and Milk. FOR a number of years now we have known that milk is an important agent in the spread of scarlet fever. Recently forty-three cases of scarlet fever have been reported to the Westminster City Council, all of which are believed to be due to the milk supply. It is always well to pasteurize or boil the milk in the towns and cities, unless you are absolutely certain that it is pure and free from disease.



PHYSICAL CULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

BY ALFRED B. OLSEN, M.D., D.P.H.

THE ordinary conception of school life is not only utterly inadequate, but often quite wrong. Many people think that all that our boys and girls are to get at school is mental culture. We hold that physical culture is quite as important, although, unfortunately, this is seldom recognized. The old Latin adage of "a sound mind in a sound body" is fundamentally correct, and we should do well not only to hold it up as an ideal, but also to put it into everyday practice. Any boy or girl with a poor, weak, or undeveloped body is seriously handicapped for life, no matter how good the intellect may be.

The "Times'" Letter.

We are glad to note that more attention is being given to the physical development of our public school children. Only last winter five very eminent medical men sent a joint letter to the "Times," calling attention to the danger of competitive athletics in our public schools. These doctors believe that the great strain to which lads are often put when engaging in cross-country and other races is not only unsuitable for boys under nineteen, but often dangerous. Only those who are well developed physically and in sound condition would be able to engage in such violent exercises without

serious consequence. Heart strain, which is sometimes of a permanent and serious nature, is not infrequently a result of unwise athletic feats.

Some have criticized the "Times" letter, stating that the age is not necessarily the best means of determining the physical fitness of a boy or girl; furthermore, that a short race of a quarter or half a mile is often quite as exhausting, and perhaps even more exhausting, than an easier run of ten miles or more.

Medical Education.

With this contention about the age we agree, for we believe that the only satisfactory method is a thorough medical examination, to which each child should be submitted on entering school; and this examination should be repeated at periodical intervals afterward. We believe that medical men and others who have given the subject careful attention are unanimously agreed as to the desirability of such a physical examination of all school-children.

This, of course, applies equally to girls, who should also be subject to an examination on entering school, and periodically thereafter.

Hockey vs. Football.

Most people have considered football

one of the most trying and exhausting of games, but there seems ample evidence to show that hockey is often more exhausting than football. At any rate, hockey does require good lungs, a strong heart, and sound physical development.

Development Chart.

On entering school, each boy or girl should undergo not only an examination of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, lungs, and heart, but also have weight and height which are of the greatest importance, we also think it desirable to make a strength test of the various groups of muscles of the body by the use of a suitable dynamometer. Such tests, we understand, have been made at the Yale University for a number of years, and we wish they could be universally adopted.

Systematic Exercises.

Sir Lauder Brunton has recently called attention to the importance of giving more



AN IDEAL PLAYGROUND.

taken, and measurements of the chest and waist before and after expansion, also measurements of the limbs, and the vital capacity of the lungs. All the data should be entered upon a suitable chart prepared for the purpose, which will serve as a record, and which has blank spaces for a certain number of succeeding examinations. As time goes on, this chart will show at a glance the physical progress of the child or youth.

Dynamometer.

Besides these measurements, all of

time to systematic exercises as opposed to athletic competition. This is sound counsel. It seems to us that there is always more or less strain in competitive exercises. While endeavouring to do his best, there is danger of the youth doing more than is wholesome, and consequently he is liable to suffer harm rather than gain benefit from the exercises. Most games are less dangerous than races, as a rule, and if they are engaged in with a reasonable amount of care, and only after the players have been pronounced fit for the exercises by a competent physician,

there ought to be little risk in them.

Let us pay more attention to the sound
physical development of our children and

youth while they are at school, and thus enable them to obtain robust health, which of itself is a good start in the battle of life.

THE NOTIFICATION OF CONSUMPTION.

BY H. LEMMOIN-CANNON, A.R.SAN.I., ETC.*

ONE of the most pressing needs of the present day, from the standpoint of public health, is a measure to ensure the general compulsory notification of consumption throughout the United Kingdom.

Some Startling Statistics.

Here are a few figures which will demonstrate the appalling extent of the disease. For every sixty-seven persons who die from acute infectious diseases, sixty are killed by tuberculosis. More than half the former are children under ten, whose loss is little felt except by their parents, whereas eighty-one per cent of the deaths from phthisis occur to persons between the ages of twenty and sixty, and fifty-six per cent between the ages of twenty and forty-five—the most valuable age in life. It is calculated that the deaths of male workers from tuberculosis -taking their wage or value at 20s, per week—cost the country nearly £10,000,-000 each year; that the loss in wages during their illness is at least a million sterling; and that the disease costs the ratepayers of the country in poor rates over another million annually.

Ireland, thanks to the admirable educational work which has been carried on by the Women's National Health Association and the Itinerant Tuberculosis Exhibition, in connection with which the Irish Village was established at the Franco-British Exhibition, has secured an Act of Parliament on the subject. This came into operation on July 1st, and by it local sanitary authorities are empowered to adopt its provisions, whereby any medical practitioner, in districts where they are in operation, attending on any person, becoming aware that that person is suffering from any form of tuberculosis which, by reason of infective discharges, is liable to communicate the disease, must notify the medical officer of health of the district.

Compulsory Notification Needed.

Although not all that is to be desired, because general compulsory notification throughout the British Isles is, we think, a sine qua non; yet this is a matter for congratulation, not only for the sake of the consumptives who will come under its provisions, but in the interest of public health.

As regards the former, the British delegates to the Seventh International Congress on Tuberculosis, held in Washington last autumn, say in their report, which, by the way, is chiefly remarkable for its vindication of compulsory notification in the United Kingdom: "We regard it as an indispensable step in the institution of a compulsory and successful organization for the suppression of tuberculosis by the co-operation of voluntary and official agencies."

In England, at the present time, Sheffield, Bolton, and Burnley have obtained special powers from Parliament, under which pulmonary tuberculosis is compulsorily notifiable and, to some extent, under the Poor Law. In Scotland it is officially estimated that twenty per cent of the population were under compulsory notification on March 1st through the adoption of optional legislation; and no hardship has been experienced therefrom. The chief value of such notification lies in the fact that sufferers in the early stages can be advised as to the most suitable measures to adopt in their own homes (if they cannot spend some time in a sanatorium): not to expectorate, except into a receptacle containing a suitable disinfectant; not to sleep in the same bed with another person, especially a child; the value of fresh air and suitable diet, etc. Patients can also be visited from time to time at home, and a cure possibly ensue.

Still, in Great Britain, generally speaking, public opinion is hardly yet ripe for

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compulsion, hence it is incumbent on those who are impressed with its advantages to advocate it on such opportunities as lie in their power.

The Irish Act.

It will be interesting, and we hope useful also, to briefly notice the provisions of the Act which came into operation in Ireland on July 1st, and which, as has been previously remarked, local authorities

may adopt and enforce.

Hospitals, sanatoria, and dispensaries may be established by county councils for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis, and two or more such bodies may combine for the purpose. Unless a patient is too poor, the cost of maintenance in a hospital, etc., is to be recoverable from him. Where the Act is in force, lectures may be given and suitable pamphlets distributed; a bacteriologist and a veterinary surgeon may be appointed for the district. Samples of milk and milk products may also be taken for examination; and milch cows affected with tuberculosis of the udder are to be destroyed.

From the foregoing remarks, and this outline of the Act, the value of such a measure, generally applied in the United Kingdom, will be appreciated. At the same time, the work of voluntary organizations deserves the greatest appreciation; their value as educators of public opinion is very high. That the British public requires educating on this important matter is exemplified by the correspondence which the writer has carried on in the London ' Daily Chronicle," which has demonstrated a general feeling of hostility thereto. Among these we would mention the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis, whose offices are at 20 Hanover Square, London, W., and whose honorary secretary, Mr. J. J. Perkins, would, we feel sure, welcome interested inquiries. In conclusion, we should also like to offer words of commendation on the value of the Tuberculosis Exhibition held in Whitechapel in June last, which is to visit also the great provincial centres.

THE TOBACCO HABIT-HOW TO BREAK IT.

BY W. T. BARTLETT.

EVERYBODY will acknowledge that when it reaches a certain stage the tobacco habit should be discontinued, for there is no question that, indulged in too freely, it reduces the human body to a wreck. But where should we set the danger-signal, beyond which it would be madness to advance? Should a man go on smoking until his vision is impaired, till his pulse is feeble and irregular, till he is tormented with flatulence, his throat is sore and inflamed, his nervous system breaking down, and insomnia or neuralgia is making his life a misery? Or should he break off the habit while his physical condition is still unimpaired, and he has not yet cast away the priceless boon of If the latter, at what point should he stop smoking?

Let it be remembered that while a man is smoking, every breath he draws carries into his lungs the fumes of tobaccosmoke, even though he does not deliberately inhale it. In his lungs are to be found textures of marvellous delicacy through which the oxygen he breathes is able to mingle with the blood, which is his life. If into these wonderfully-devised chambers the foul smoke of burning tobacco is introduced, a great injury is done to the blood, the stream of vital fluid is poisoned instead of being cleansed and renewed, and through this polluted channel the deleterious principles found in tobacco-smoke are carried into every portion of the body. The character of the blood becomes changed, the sympathetic nerve cells are first excited by the nicotine, then depressed, and all the organs of the body which depend upon the blood for upbuilding and purification suffer the consequences of its defilement. No one can afford thus to injure himself. The only sensible point at which to part company with the tobacco habit is before the body has been affected by it.

Some one may say, I have smoked in moderation for years, and it has never harmed me. But the smoker is not competent to testify on this point. One of the effects of the use of tobacco is to lessen the sensitiveness of the nerves. This explains why the pangs of hunger can be assuaged by a pipe of tobacco, or a mind disturbed be, by the same means, calmed into contentment. Under the influence of tobacco, the nerves cease to reveal our true condition. The smoker's nerves are no longer reliable sentinels, and he seldom discovers that he is injuring himself until his constitution has suffered so seriously and extensively that the damage can be no longer concealed.

The very fact that the tobacco habit takes such a hold of the entire system makes it hard for a man to reform. Let the narcotizing influence die down by reason of abstinence from tobacco and the outragedsystem cries out in pain at every point, until the wretched victim feels

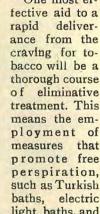
that he must resort to the familiar method of quieting his nerves. Such an ordeal must be faced by any man who decides to break off the vice. Its severity will depend upon many different conditions, but at the lightest, it will call for a firm and determined purpose if deliverance is to be gained. It will not help matters to reduce the allowance gradually. Total and immediate disuse is the best and easiest way, and those who take this course find themselves rapidly recovering from the evil effects of past indulgence.

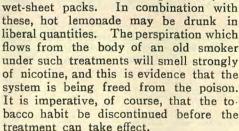
One who determines to be free from the tobacco habit needs to recognize that he is saturated, more or less, with the poison, and that he must be thoroughly cleansed from it before the power of the perverted appetite will be broken. By prayer, contemplation of uplifting truth, and faith in the promises of divine aid which abound in the Bible, he may get the necessary hopefulness and spiritual The mind must be well occupied with tasks that call forth all its energies in order that it may not be left to wander weakly into the regions of temptation. The body also should be well provided with exercise under the purest possible conditions. There should be a plentiful supply of light, warm, nourishing, and digestible food. Fresh fruit should be used freely at meals.

The weakened nervous system must be toned up by means of fresh air, moderate exercise, and warm baths. All necessary measures should be taken to improve the

general health.

One most effective aid to a rapid deliverance from the craving for tobacco will be a thorough course of eliminative treatment. This means the employment of measures that promote free perspiration, such as Turkish baths, electric light baths, and





The measures necessary to secure the elimination of tobacco from the system will, naturally, vary with different cases, but it is along the lines above indicated that the greatest success has been achieved. Whatever time or trouble may be demanded for the cure will be amply compensated by the satisfaction of deing no longer a slave in mind and boby to what is really a degrading vice.



THE NATIONAL GAME.

DOLLY AND THE MICROBE.

A TRUE HISTORY.

LILY and Winnie and Dorothy Were playful and roguish as children could be: They'd scamper like rabbits on the hills. Or leap like goats o'er rocks and rills; They'd race and romp like lambs in May, Yet none could be more staid than they.

Now Dorothy, whom we all call Dolly, Was always merry and always jolly, But at school one day she met a little Microbe, smaller than a tittle-Yes, less by far than any jot, For it took but a very tiny spot To stand upon. In point of fact, A needle point would not have racked Its brain or body to find snug rest; And ceremony it did detest-Flatly disdained to stand upon it, Unless, indeed, the sun shone on it. To come to the point, I may say its name, Which by all reports is known to fame, Or infamy, was Measles. 'Twas the king Of the measly tribes, which never ring At the front-door bell when they wish to enter, But brazen as brass they push to the centre Of your most cherished place, Right in front of your face.

So Dolly, before ever she saw the measle, Which was sharper far than any weasel, Had opened her mouth and swallowed him slicker Than a dog swallows butter, and very much quicker.

She swallowed him whole, like the fish swallowed Jonah,

And he stuck to his lodgings, in spite of the owner. The example so long ago set by the whale Was faithfully copied, but did not prevail.

In this case, 'twould seem, the unwelcome in-

Was either more "comfy" or very much ruder. His quarters he must have found much to his fancy, For he sent out invites for a very grand dance. He Invited his brothers, and sisters and cousins, Uncles and nieces and nephews in dozens,

His wife and his children and grandchildren many-

They came in huge crowds, though they paid not a penny

For the room that they took, and the trouble they

As for poor little Dolly, her case was quite grave, For th' unmannerly tribe, rough, cruel, and wild, Quite disconcerted that unhappy child-They crowded her so in her sweet little dwelling;

They thronged in the corridors, rushing and yelling;

They dinned in her ears, and blinded her eyes, And made her so ill that she scarcely could rise,

So the law was invoked, in the guise of a doctor, To drive out the crew who so shamefully mocked her.

Yet the ruffians still kept up their horrible riot, Till the doctor said firmly: "We'll cut off their diet.

Flesh meat is the thing above all else they dote on, It thickens the blood with just what they gloat on-Pure food, such as fruit, nuts, porridge, and

Will feed Dolly, but make all her foes into spent ills.'

So we tried it, and all that foul brood jolly soon Had reason to sing to a different tune; For they found, when their favourite diet was

lacking, Their only safe course was to quickly start packing. Then away they all hustled, pell-mell, helter-

skelter.

To seek for more genial and more fattening shelter.

Sweet Lily they spied, as out they hurried, And down her throat some quickly scurried; There again they started their heathenish din. And made all her senses to reel and to spin. And some of them came across winsome Winnie; They would not have missed her for many a guinea. But the doctor was quickly again on their tracks, And again they felt his firm rule on their backs-Or should I say stomachs? For that's where he beat 'em.

They'd rather that butchers, than such doctors, should treat 'em.

They vowed that to treat them by stopping their meat

Was the act of an insolent, arrogant cheat-To feed men and microbes was what flesh was sent for.

All flesh feeds poor microbes, what else was it meant for?

That's why it all fitted so well to their taste, While to doubt it were sin, and a scandalous waste. They would not endure such privation much longer. They'd have doubtless said more, had they only felt stronger;

But they then skulked away, where, I really can't

But they won't return here for many a day.

J. H. BOURDIN.

The general teaching of this bright little poem is sound enough, but while it is necessary to withhold meat from a patient suffering with the measles, it must not be understood that a vegetarian necessarily enjoys immunity from the complaint. - ED.]

To do something, however small, to make others happier and better, is the highest ambition, the most elevating hope, which can inspire a human being.—Sir John Lubbock.

PALPITATION OF THE HEART.

BY ALFRED B. OLSEN, M.D., D.P.H.

THE blood of the body is driven through the arteries and veins by the muscular contraction of the heart, which acts like a force-pump. Each time the heart contracts it sends a new lot of blood into the large arteries leaving the heart, thus causing the expansion of their elastic walls which produces the pulse.

Unconsciousness of a Heart.

In a state of health the blood circulates freely throughout the body, and a normal person ought not to be conscious of the presence of a heart or its beating. Just as soon as the work of the heart becomes noticeable to the individual, there is evidence of debility and a lowered physical tone, which promptly makes for ill-health.

Palpitation.

But palpitation is something more than a mere consciousness of the heart-beat. When the heart palpitates, there is a distinct flutter of the organ which is exceedingly annoying and almost painful at times. Furthermore, there may be a feeling of apprehension or a foreboding of ill of some kind or another.

Functional Disorders.

In the majority of cases the palpitation is a mere functional disorder of the heart, and is not a consequence of organic disease of the organ. Associated with the palpitation there may be an irregular beating of the heart as well as more forcible and more rapid beating. The rapidity of the heart beat sometimes reaches to 140 or even to 160 or more.

Causes of Palpitation.

There are certain times in life when a woman is likely to be subject to palpitation. The first comes in the early teens, and at that time rest and outdoor recreation, with freedom from care and worry,

will soon put the girl right. Another critical period comes between the ages of forty and fifty, and then palpitation is not at all uncommon, sometimes becoming a very unpleasant symptom which may give rise to a good deal of anxiety. In such cases it is always wise to get the word of a physician that the heart itself is sound, and that there is no real danger to apprehend.

Another Group of Causes.

In the second and largest group of causes, palpitation of the heart is due to errors of diet and drink. The use of either tea or coffee in some persons that are particularly susceptible is sufficient to set up palpitation. Indeed, we do not think that it is ever advisable to take these beverages as a routine drink. Neither is in any sense a food, and the human system is far better off without such parcotic stimulants.

Tobacco and Alcohol.

This group also includes such narcotic poisons as tobacco and alcohol, both of which have specific effects upon the heart, tending to weaken it and produce such functional disorders as palpitation. The persistent use of tobacco will sometimes produce what is known as a "tobacco heart," and one of the common signs of this disease is palpitation. Alcohol, too, brings on the same trouble, and it is difficult to understand how a healthy man or woman can risk the use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco when there is danger of injuring the heart, one of the most vital and important of all the organs.

Flatulence and Dyspepsia.

Still another common cause of palpitation is flatulence. When one realizes that the upper part of the stomach lies immediately behind the heart, being separated only by the diaphragm, one ought not to be surprised to learn that flatulence can and often does produce palpitation, sometimes of a most annoying type. Indeed, there are numerous gastric disorders which in one way or another interfere with the action of the heart, and thus cause various heart symptoms which are, strictly speaking, not associated with the heart but with the stomach.

Organic Disorder.

The third group of causes is associated with some form of organic disease of the heart, and for this reason is more serious and requires more careful attention. In any case of organic disease of the heart it is always wise to have the counsel of a competent physician, so as to know how far to go in exercising the heart; otherwise there is danger of overdoing.

Symptoms of Palpitation.

The symptoms are usually so obvious that they need scarcely be mentioned. There is more or less mental excitement, marked palpitation, with heaving of the breast and a very frequent pulse. There may also be some pain in the region of the heart, and shortness of breath. The patient sometimes complains of a great sense of weakness or "goneness." In some cases the beating of the heart is exceedingly violent, and the hammering against the chest wall is marked. The arteries, too, may throb, and the patient be in a state of great distress.

Treatment.

Very often quietness, calmness, and absolute rest of mind and body are all that is necessary to bring relief. Where there is stomach trouble or dyspepsia in one form or another, these conditions must be treated and put right. Harmful habits, such as tobacco-using, tea- and coffee-drinking, must be given up. Various hygienic measures should be carefully tried and persisted in. Dieting may be

necessary. Bad combinations of food should be avoided, and but a small variety taken at the same meal. Drinking with meals favours hasty eating and dyspepsia, hence it is better to take the fluids some hours after meals.

It is always important to assure the patient and quiet her mind. If there is no organic disease, it is safe to tell the patient that no danger whatever may be anticipated.

It is rarely necessary in cases of merely functional disorders of the heart to avoid exercise. Indeed, a moderate amount of exercise is beneficial and should be recommended; but violent exercise, or any form of physical strain, as well as mental excitement, ought to be avoided.

Regime.

A patient subject to palpitation should adopt regular hours and lead a quiet, even life. She should spend nine or ten hours in bed each night, and lie down for at least an hour about the middle of the day.

There is no objection in the majority of cases to taking a tepid bath in the morning, followed by friction. But Turkish baths, electric light baths, and hot baths in any form must be avoided.

Alcohol, tea, coffee, tobacco, and all similar narcotic stimulants should be strictly avoided.

Let the diet consist of plain, wholesome food. Be careful to avoid overeating. Large meals of themselves are likely to produce flatulence and bring on an attack of palpitation.

Sexual excitement, too, is harmful, and must be avoided.

The application of a cold compress or ice-bag to the heart will sometimes bring great relief. The galvanic current has also been recommended, and there is no objection to its use.

THE wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by. — Thomas Carlyle.

THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN .- Continued.

BY A. MARIAN CLARK.

WHEN bedtime comes, a stuffed mat, not nearly so substantial as a mattress—much more resembling a thickly stuffed quilt—is laid upon the floor, and a block of wood for a pillow. Over this is spread a huge, wadded wrap to serve for blankets, with large sleeves in it through which you may poke your arms, if you wish. Inside,

tion—that of the kimono. This consists of a straight breadth on each side of the opening front (and by the way, Japanese materials are only made in fourteen-inch widths), two straight breadths joined for the back, and two sleeves consisting of straight pieces joined up, sewn plainly into the arm-holes, with no gathers in



GIRLS IN BEDROOM.

a piece of cotton material is tacked, which can be removed for washing purposes. This serves instead of sheets. The wooden pillow is necessary because a more comfortable head-rest would disarrange the elegant coiffure, and a Japanese has her hair dressed only two or three times a week—perhaps more often if she can afford it—by a professional.

Now let us consider the national costume. Men's and women's garments alike are all based upon one form of construceither kimono or sleeve. The neck is a little shaped, and is finished off with a shaped piece which continues down the fronts on both sides. The sleeves as they hang provide pockets in their corners.

There are no fastenings on the garments at all. They are secured by a sash tied round the waist. A man's sash is only about ten or twelve inches wide, and is generally of silk or crêpe, tied in a knot behind. The women's sashes, or obis, are the choice part of the costume,

and well-to-do people will have them made of the most choice and beautiful silks of exquisite design, often with gold woven into the pattern. Such costly ornaments are handed down as family heirlooms. Silkworm rearing and weaving form one of the great industries of Japan, and much interested we were in the silkworm season to see all the different processes: the hatching of the eggs, the tending of the worms by the thousand, the spinning of the silk

colouring more sober, until the little old woman goes on her way almost unnoticeable in her grey, patternless garments. Women wear no jewellery, with the exception of the adorning of the hair—and they do love to have beautiful combs and pins, and sometimes bright ribbons, which are very strikingly set off by the dark hair. Neither men nor women wear hats, except the men of the labouring classes, when they need protection from the sun while



A JINRICKSHA MAN.

from the delicate cocoons, and finally weaving on hand looms.

On going to buy material for a Japanese kimono, the first question the salesman asks is: "How old are you?" This seems strange. But every woman chooses the material suitable for her years: a baby is arrayed in a minute kimono, with a pattern so enormous that a repeat can hardly be found upon it; and it is gorgeous with a mixture of the strongest and most vivid colours. But every year of age sees the patterns become less telling, and the

at work. And here they have hit on a most sensible and hygienic device. The mushroom shaped hat is of bamboo, covered with cotton material, and it is held in its place as a shade above the head by four small supports, which are fixed on to a bamboo ring fitting around the head. So there is a big space between the head and the hat, allowing of a free passage of air.

Then the footgear. Boots are an unknown evil, and consequently so are cramped feet. But I cannot advocate the "geta," or wooden clogs, which are worn instead of boots. They are clumsy, noisy things, slipping off at the heel with each step; but they have this merit, that they are easily slipped off the feet and left outside the house on entering.

No stockings are worn, only the "tabi," a short sock reaching to the ankle, and this has a compartment for the big toe. The thong which holds on the clogs and sandals passes between the big toe and Jinricksha coolies and the other toes. labouring folk wear only straw sandals (very often without any tabi). they can plait themselves, so their foot apparel need not be much expense to them. And very often they go barefoot altogether. It was very interesting to me, when this was the case, to watch the wonderful use the jinricksha runners made of their toes. They spread them out like fingers, and literally spurned away the ground from beneath their feet as they ran.

I must not fail to say that nowadays

there is a terrible craze among the Japanese for European clothes, with the most amusing but most unpicturesque results. For to get something European on to one's person seems to be the ambition of each individual, the craving often being satisfied by sporting with intense satisfaction an undergarment as a top dressing! Imagine the altogether disastrous effect of a Japanese gentleman, beautifully got up in silk kimono, sash, and "haori" (outside coat), crowned at top by a billycock hat!

When we were there, there was a fashion among women to wear little plush shawls (like tablecloths) of the most crude, brilliant colours; and many years ago an Englishman was one day seen coming from his early morning dip with a bath-towel round his neck, whereupon there was a regular boom in bath-towels, for every Japanese must needs swathe some part of his person in a Turkish towel!

(To be concluded.)

RUBBING EXERCISES—SUNSHINE—FRESH AIR—THEIR INFLUENCE ON HEALTH.

BY W. M. SCOTT.

The Sun-Light Influence.

LIGHT is a powerful disinfectant. Bacteria and all forms of moulds that are harmful to the animal creation flourish in the dark and damp, but are destroyed or their growth inhibited by being subjected to the direct rays of the sunlight. It is also a direct stimulant of the higher forms of cell growth. The sweetest fruits, the most beautifully-tinted flowers, and the finest vegetable growths reach their perfection only under its influence. ruddy tint on the peach and apple, as well as the rich, crimson red of the tomato, are painted by the light rays from the sun. But it also acts as a stimulant to the growth of our bodily cells, more especially those on the surface of the body, such as those of the skin. Dr. A. T. Schofield recently wrote: "It is a powerful nerve stimulant, and thus, as I have reason to know, a great restorer of lost nerve force in neurasthenic patients and others." With such an authority to support us, healthseekers need not be afraid of exposing their bodies more freely to the beneficent rays of "Old Sol." It is a great pity that in our island home we see too little of his benign countenance, but we must court it when it does come from under its misty veil. There can be no doubt of the great stimulus the light of the sun is to health, and especially nerve health—and it is that we need more than muscular health. Let us place ourselves under its influence, by taking sun baths frequently and wearing very light (white or grey) porous garments during the season when it is most evident.

The Sun-Heat Influence.

Heat, in moderation, is also a great factor in the cure of disease and establishment of health. The heat rays from the sun help the action of the skin, quickening the circulation and all the vital activities. The exposure of local areas over diseased organs, such as the stomach, liver, or intestines, or the lungs from the chest or back, will often bring about wonderful relief from distressing symptoms. These we might term local sun baths, but a full sun bath, where possible, is most beneficial, and the more of the body that can be exposed to the direct rays of the sun in a temperate climate, the better. Where available, especially in the winter time, —proceeds. It is sunlight that enables the chlorophyll, that makes all nature green, to store up food for the plant. And not only so, but all vital organisms are quickened, and all processes assisted, by the 'chemism' of the sun's rays. Enough has been said to show how precious to health sunshine is in this country; and we should secure far more of it than we do.



INSIDE A SUN BATH.

when the sun shines but seldom, and that but fitfully, much of the benefits described may be had from electric light baths, especially the arc electric light.

The Sun's Life-Giving Powers.

Dr. Schofield, in the same article, further writes: "The sun is not only the source of light and heat, but of life. It is by its rays that all natural metabolism—or that incessant change that indicates life

Living-rooms and nurseries should face the south, and children should be out in the sunshine all day long. For invalids, convalescents, and all nerve sufferers it is invaluable, and it invigorates and stimulates the whole system. One of the points insisted upon when planning for the family holiday should be to obtain the maximum amount."

[The conclusion of this article, together with the illustrations that accompany it, will be given in our next issue.]

SIMPLE RULES FOR RIGHT LIVING.*

ESSENTIALS of success: Knowledge, self-control, enthusiasm.

Essential rules: Plenty of fresh air, both for the lungs and the skin, proper bathing, exercises, resting, sleeping, thinking, feeling, and willing.

Many, if not most, changes of habits require a period of physiological adjustment, and, therefore, should be made gradually. The foregoing lead to the following specific rules:—

*By Irving Fisher in "World's Work" (U.S.A.). Professor of Political Economy at Yale, and President of the Committee of One Hundred. Air

Keep outdoors as much as possible.

Breathe through the nose, not through the mouth.

When indoors, have the air as fresh as possible: (a) by having the room aired before occupancy; (b) by having it continuously ventilated while occupied. (In winter, the ventilation is best secured by a window-board deflecting the entering cold air upward.)

Not only purity, but coolness, dryness, and motion of the air, if not very extreme,

are advantageous. Air in heated houses in winter is usually too dry, and may be humidified without injury and probably with

advantage.

Clothing should be sufficient to keep one warm. The minimum that will secure this result is the best. Porosity is very important, not only in underclothes, but in all clothes. The more porous the clothes, the more the skin is educated to perform its functions with increasingly less need for protection. Take an airbath as often and as long as possible.

Water.

Take a daily water-bath, not only for cleanliness, but for skin gymnastics. A cold bath is better for this purpose than a hot bath. A short hot, followed by a short cold, bath is still better. In fatigue, a very hot bath lasting only half a minute is good.

A neutral bath, beginning at 97° or 98°, dropping not more than five degrees, and continued at least fifteen minutes, is an excellent means of resting the nerves.

Be sure that the water you drink is free from dangerous germs and impurities. "Soft" water is better than "hard" water. Ice water should be avoided, unless sipped and warmed in the mouth. Ice may contain spores of germs, even when germs themselves are killed by cold.

Cold-water drinking, including especially a glass half an hour before breakfast and on retiring, is a remedy for constipation.

The judicious use of enemas is advantageous where there is auto-intoxication—that is, absorption of poisons through the colon. They are especially needed when one is not feeling well from almost any cause, as a cold. A warm enema is likely to have as an after-effect the inability to defecate without its use. For this reason, cool enemas—temperature of 80° down to 75°—are best.

The best way, however, of regulating the bowels is by exercise and diet.

Food.

Teeth and gums should be brushed thoroughly several times a day, and floss silk used between the teeth. Persistence in keeping the mouth clean is good not only for the teeth but for the stomach.

Masticate all food up to the point of

involuntary swallowing, with the attention on the taste, not on the mastication. Food should simply be chewed and relished, with no thought of swallowing. There should be no more effort to prevent than to force swallowing. It will be found that, if we attend only to the agreeable task of extracting the flavours of our food, nature will take care of the swallowing, and this will become, like breathing, involuntary. The more you rely on instinct, the more normal, stronger, and surer the instinct The instinct by which most becomes. people eat is perverted through the "hurry habit" and the use of abnormal foods. Thorough mastication takes time, and, therefore, one must not feel hurried at meals if the best results are to be secured.

Sip liquids, except water, and mix with saliva as though they were solids.

The stopping point for eating should be at the earliest moment when one is really satisfied. Normalized instinct is the best guide here, provided one eats without hurry and masticates thoroughly.

The frequency of meals and time to take them should be so adjusted that no meal is taken before a previous meal is well out of the way, in order that the stomach may have had time to rest and prepare new juices. Normal appetite is a good guide in this respect. One's best sleep is on an empty stomach. Food puts one to sleep by diverting blood from the head, but disturbs sleep later. Water, however, or even fruit, may be taken before retiring without injury.

(To be concluded.)

THE daughter of a village doctor was complaining to her father of the drudgery of the home work. The doctor pointed to some empty bottles and said: "These bottles are of no value in themselves, but in one I put a deadly poison, in another a sweet perfume, in a third a healing medicine. Nobody cares for the vials; it is that which they carry which kills or cures. Your daily work, the dishes washed or unwashed, or the floors swept, are homely things, and count for nothing in themselves; but it is the anger, or the sweet patience, or zeal, or the high thoughts, that you put into them that shall last. These make your life."



CONTROL OF THE APPETITE.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WHERE wrong habits of diet have been indulged, there should be no delay in reform. When dyspepsia has resulted from abuse of the stomach, efforts should be made carefully to preserve the remaining strength of the vital forces by removing every overtaxing burden. The stomach may never entirely recover health after long abuse; but a proper course of diet will save further debility, and many will recover more or less fully. It is not easy to prescribe rules that will meet every case; but with attention to right principles in eating, great reforms may be made, and the cook need not be continually toiling to tempt the appetite.

Abstemiousness in diet is rewarded with mental and moral vigour; it also aids in the control of the passions. Overeating is especially harmful to those who are sluggish in temperament; these should eat sparingly, and take plenty of physical exercise. There are men and women of excellent natural ability who do not accomplish half what they might if they would exercise self-control in the denial of appetite.

Many writers and speakers fail here. After eating heartily, they give themselves to sedentary occupations, reading, study, or writing, allowing no time for physical exercise. As a consequence, the free flow of thought and words is checked. They cannot write or speak with the force and intensity necessary in order to reach the heart; their efforts are tame and fruitless.

Those upon whom rest important responsibilities, those, above all, who are the guardians of spiritual interests, should be men of keen feeling and quick perception. More than others, they need to be temperate in eating. Rich and luxurious food should have no place upon their tables.

Every day men in positions of trust have decisions to make upon which depend results of great importance. Often they have to think rapidly, and this can be done successfully by those only who practise strict temperance. The mind strengthens under the correct treatment of the physical and mental powers. If the strain is not too great, new vigour comes with every taxation. But often the work of those who have important plans to consider and important decisions to make is affected for evil by the results of improper diet. A disordered stomach produces a disordered, uncertain state of mind. Often it causes irritability, harshness, or injustice. Many a plan that would have been a blessing to

the world has been set aside, many unjust, oppressive, even cruel measures have been carried, as the result of diseased conditions due to wrong habits of eating.

Here is a suggestion for all whose work is sedentary or chiefly mental; let those who have sufficient moral courage and self-control try it: at each meal take only two or three kinds of simple food, and eat no more than is required to satisfy hunger. Take active exercise every day, and see if you do not receive benefit.

Strong men who are engaged in active physical labour are not compelled to be as careful as to the quantity or quality of their food as are persons of sedentary habits; but even these would have better health if they would practise self-control in eating and drinking.

Some wish that an exact rule could be prescribed for their diet. They overeat, and then regret it, and so they keep thinking about what they eat and drink. This is not as it should be. One person cannot lay down an exact rule for another. Every one should exercise reason and self-control and should act from principle.

Our bodies are Christ's purchased possession, and we are not at liberty to do with them as we please. All who understand the laws of health should realize their obligation to obey these laws which God has established in their being. Obedience to the laws of health is to be made a matter of personal duty. We ourselves must suffer the results of violated law. We must individually answer to God for our habits and practices. Therefore the question with us is not, "What is the world's practice?" but, "How shall I as an individual treat the habitation that God has given me?"

Baby Smoker.

THE medical inspector of the Oxfordshire Education Committee has discovered an interesting case in the course of his daily rounds. This is no less than a child not yet four years of age who is suffering from "smoker's heart." The wretched little being is said to be supplied by his father with no less than ten cigarettes a day, and to exhibit his accomplishment at local shows for the edification of gaping yokels. We are glad to learn that the Education Committee are going to hold an inquiry into the case, as not only are its pathological features worthy of investigation, but the conduct of the father, if what is said of him is true, is so inhuman that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children might well turn their attention to it. Dr. Kerr has already shown in his reports what effects cigarette-smoking may have on children, but we do not remember that any case of a mere baby has ever been brought forward in connection with tobaccopoisoning. The effect, however, is notoriously more marked in the young than in adults, and whereas large numbers of grown people habitually exceed moderation in smoking cigars without ill effect, a very few whiffs are generally enough for the most hardy schoolboy. - Medical Press and Circular.

The Preparation of Cottage or Sour Milk Cheese.

COTTAGE cheese is usually made from milk which has become thickened by exposure to the air, but it is better to prepare it from fresh milk after the cream has been removed by a separator. If preferred, it may be made also from sweet skimmed milk. Warm the milk to blood heat, about 100° Fahr., and add strained lemon juice. Mix well in the proportion of two tablespoonfuls to each quart of milk, and set aside, after covering with a clean cloth, till the milk has become "bonny-clabber," i.e., thickly curdled. This will take some time, an hour or more. When thickened, heat slowly over a pan of hot water or on a low fire, stirring very frequently till the curds and whey separate. The milk should not boil. The proper temperature is about 135° to 145° Fahr.

When the white curd is separated from the whey, spread a piece of clean butter muslin or cheese cloth in a colander as for a pudding, and strain the whey off through the muslin. Then hang up the cloth con-

taining the curds till the whev ceases to drip. Turn into a clean dish, mash up thoroughly with a fork, and add a trifle of salt, or sugar if desired, also s o m e cream.

One pennyworth of cream to each quart of milk used makes it quite rich enough. Mix well, and the cheese is ready to

Finely-chopped parsley may be mixed with the cheese, or it may be formed into balls and rolled in chopped parsley, or garnished with parsley as desired.

This cheese may be made from fresh buttermilk or from Yogurt-soured milk in the same manner as described above. In any case, care must be taken not to let the milk become too hot, for that would make the curds tough and difficult of digestion.

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What the Patient Had.



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The other reason is that the "facing" or polishing process removes considerable of the nutritious material from the rice grain, and especially the proteid, of which rice at best contains but a comparatively small portion. For these reasons we would recommend our readers, when ordering rice, to see that they get the unpolished variety, which is not only cheaper as a rule, but also more nutritious.

Rain and Lowered Death-Rate.

DURING the past few weeks the average death rate of London as well as for other great towns of the country has been very low. For the week ending July 3rd the death-rate in the seventy-six largest towns in the kingdom was 11'8 per thousand, and for London 11'1. Rain is a fine cleansing agent, not only purifying the air, but also laying the dust. It is an undisputed fact that a rainy season is, other things being equal, healthier than a dry season, and the chief reason is doubtless that in dry weather dust and filth of all kinds abound in the air, polluting the lungs and air passages, and also contaminating both food and drink.

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Ans.-1. Yes; there is no better exercise than a brisk walk in the fresh air. 2. Yes, in moderation. 3. Through strain in climbing bills, racing, and sitting in a wrong position. It is not wise to engage in competitive cycling. You should always sit in such a position as to give free play to your lungs while riding. 4. No, providing you have a good chest and well-developed muscles; but lighter clubs will give more suppleness and grace. 5. Three meals are ample and the last one should be taken at half-past six or seven. If you take time to chew your food well there will be little danger of overeating. The proper quantity to take is that which you can comfortably digest and assimilate.

Bad Stomach—Sluggish Liver.—E.M.: "I have a bad stomach, and my liver is sluggish, and I get very yellow at times. 1. Do you think I ought to eat cheese? 2. Should I take stewed fruit? 3. Would nuts in puddings suit me? 4. How about eggs and milk? 5. Would you recommend malted nuts? 6. Might I take cream with my pudding? 7. What sort of an aperient should I take? 8. Should I do without breakfast?"

Ans.—1. No, for you will probably find it difficult of digestion. But home-made cottage cheese

(which is prepared by heating sweet milk and turning it with lemon juice or rennet) is nourishing and would agree with you. 2. Yes, certainly. 3. Yes, provided the nuts are well cooked and you chew them well. 4. You would do well to take eggs sparingly. Soured milk or Yogurt would suit you better than fresh milk. 5. You would find malted nuts more digestible than ordinary nuts. They are very nourishing as well as wholesome. 6. There is no objection to your taking pure cream with your pudding. 7. Home-made fig syrup, stewed prunes, stewed sultanas, baked apples, and banana purée are better aperients than drugs. Should you require anything more, take a soap enema. 8. No, but you might take a light breakfast of fruit and bread, which should be well masticated.

New Growth—Varicose Veins—Rupture—Insomnia—Sciatica.—J.G.: "Last July I had a growth removed from my lip. Now I have a curious sensation in the lip, but no pain. 1. What should I do about it? 2. I have varicose veins on my left leg, for which I wear a bandage. They do not cause pain. Should I go on wearing the bandage, or do something else? 3. I suffer much with insomnia, and also have noises in my head and ears. What treatment would you recommend? 4. I am ruptured on the right side and wearing a truss. Is the wearing of a truss advisable in such a case? 5. What would you recommend for sciatica? 6. Is rest good for sciatica? 7. What diet do you recommend me to take?"

Ans.—1. You should consult the surgeon who did the operation for you last year. 2. An elastic stocking would be more satisfactory. Those sup-

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Ans.-1. To prepare an unfermented wine, cook the fruit, grapes for example, and strain through suitable cloths to get the pure juice. This is again brought to the boil and then put in clean glass bottles or fruit-jars which have also been boiled, and these should be covered in such a way as to make them air-tight. Water may be added to dried fruit and the juice prepared in a similar way. which can be bottled as above directed. Sugar may be added to taste. For a pure, wholesome grape wine we would recommend Welch's Invalid Port, which can be had from your grocer, or from Mr. Taylor, 61 Farringdon Road, London, E.C. It is one of the best tonics we know of. 2. The antiseptic dentrifice prepared at the laboratory of the Caterham Sanitarium answers to your description. It can be obtained for 1/12d, post free, from Good Health Supplies, Stanborough Park, Watford. 3. Wholesome food with thorough mastication and exercise in the open air are the essentials in the cure of dyspepsia. It is well to avoid taking too large a variety. Drink should be taken between meals rather than with the food.

Good Health Foods.—S.H.: "I have been recommended to use the Good Health Foods prepared by the International Health Association, but before ordering a supply I would like your advice as to what foods would be best suited to a person who has suffered many years from neuralgia and muscular rheumatism."

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A Page for Women.

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THERE are surely very few of us so ignorant that we need to be told that exercise is beneficial to physical health, and there are not many, I hope, who require telling that breathing exercises are amongst the most valuable for the development of a robust constitution and a well-proportioned physique. There are, however, scores of people who find these simple breathing exercises very wearisome and tedious, and I confess that I am quite in sympathy with them on that point. But when our pulmonary gymnastics are combined with the exercise of the singing voice, what a very different colour the matter takes on. This is not the first time by a long way that I have urged the cultivation of the singing voice as a healthful occupation and a charming study. There is nothing more certain to strengthen and develop the lungs, the chest, and the throat, than the proper and natural use of the voice. I was much gratified to receive, as the result of some remarks which I made on the subject of singing in this magazine some months ago, a number of letters, asking advice on the matter, and for hints for beginners in the study of voice culture. My correspondents have each been answered briefly either on this page or directly through the post, but I have promised to enter more fully into details this month, so let us consider preliminaries, always, of course, supposing that—as most of you say-you are unable to take up this study with any of the noted professors.

I believe that ninety-nine people out of a hundred can learn to sing tolerably well, and very, very few indeed are destitute of the gift of song. Voices, of course, vary, but all can sing more or less. My first and most important hint to the beginner, then, will shape itself into the advice don't shout. Remember always that quality, not quantity, is what we must aim at. Practise your simple breathing lessons each day, either at an open window, or right out in the fresh air, emitting at the same time one or another note easily within the range of your voice, using any of the Italian yowel sounds.

After a week or two of this sustained sort of thing, you will find it quite easy to sing up and down the scale slowly in one breath, and then two or three times in one breath at a quicker rate. An exercise for gaining looseness and an easy poise of the throat and surrounding muscles is by sustaining one note as long as the breath holds out, changing the sound several times without taking in a fresh supply of air. Commence on any note you like with a full breath on the word tha, then slowly, and without the slightest movement of the throat or jaw, change (merely by a movement of the tongue) the sound to la: and again, slowly, and with the same breath, change the sound to daw, taking great care that at each change of vocal sound there is absolutely no movement of

the jaw, the consonant being sounded by the action of the tongue alone. In time, you will be able to do this throughout the entire range of your voice, and you may with benefit say the alphabet through on every note in the octave.

Let your chiefest care be to forget your throat. Keep the voice well forward, and articulate with great nicety and care. Never sing second-rate music; rather select a few good songs by the best composers, and sing them well. Do not let vaulting ambition overleap itself or persuade you to attempt "vocal fireworks" or heavy operatic works beyond your powers. Learn to walk before you run. In other words, learn to sing with a steady flow of good vocal tone, and with expression, before you attempt runs and trills and complicated, florid passages.

Whenever possible, sing to another person's accompaniment. The somewhat cramped and restricted position induced by sitting at a piano playing an accompaniment while singing handicaps the breathing organs considerably, and if you accustom yourself to practise breathing and vocal exercises together as you stand at an open window, you will not find it difficult to dispense with the piano when called upon to sing to a room full of people, should there be nobody present to undertake the duty of accompanist.

Try, in addition to healthy living and the abundant use of that great tonic, cold water, to improve your voice by a nourishing diet. Plenty of new milk, and good, creamy butter, and fresh, ripe fruit. Meat is not beneficial to the voice, and all carnivorous birds have the most rasping and unmusical notes. On the other hand, raw eggs are always beneficial, and one whipped into a froth with a little milk is a better voice tonic than a whole ounce of "pastilles," though I have a sly corner in my heart for a ginger lozenge about ten minutes before singing. However, even the "ginger habit" has its snares, and it doesn't do to place reliance on any such "prop." Better be independent.

Answers to Correspondents.

E.T.W.—"Eye-drills" are very simple exercises for strengthening the muscles of the eyes. No, thank you, there is no charge whatever for answering questions on this page.

A.M.H.—You must have proper treatment, and I am sending you a prospectus of the Caterham Sanitarium, where you would, I am sure, benefit. You should communicate direct with the superintendent there.

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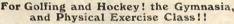
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