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Editorial Chat.

Dr. Osler on Tea and Tobacco.

In his address on "The Care of the Body" at the Workingmen's College, London, Dr. Osler said some excellent things. He had nothing good to say for alcohol,

as might have been expected: but he had the rare courage to tackle those idols which few physicians dare to oppose-tea and tobacco. "Do you suppose you need tobacco?" he asked, and continued: "If you dumped all the tobacco into the sea, it would be good for you and hard on the fish." Tea and coffee, like alcohol, were not neces-

sary, and in fact disturbed the furnaces of the body."

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER.

BE thou no year of dire defeat and woe,
Make thou but victories in the way I go—
A higher plane of thought, a wider vision,
A nearer aspect of the hills Elysian.
With scorn of fleshly, let my spirit wing
Toward the Eternal, to the veritable thing.
Cut thou aside the selfish cords that bind
Me from my spiritual kindred, high of mind.
So let me go where once the Conqueror trod,
Past all earth's gateways to the gates of God.
FRANCES E. BOLTON.

[Written for GOOD HEALTH.]

other animals. The body is cleansed inwardly with water; all the operations of the various organs are performed in water. It is therefore perfectly natural as well as most wholesome to apply water on the

> outside of the skin, to remove the products of the sweat glands, and any other impurities. If man lived in a state of nature he would get many a cool shower bath without asking for it, and his skin would be in fully as active and wholesome a condition asthat of the regular bather of today.

Is It Natural to Bathe?

A CORRESPONDENT sends us a lengthy newspaper clipping giving the arguments of a "distinguished Italian scientist" against bathing. To wash is, in his opinion "repugnant to nature and injurious to health." It is only necessary to say in reply that the instincts of all but the most degraded races demand the bath, and in this matter man is no exception to the

Quack Medicine Frauds.

SENTENCE of three months' hard labour has just been passed on a man at the Sussex Assizes for conspiring to obtain money by false pretences. His offence consisted in selling at 18s. 9d. per half-dozen certain powders said to be worthless, but for which he, like other manufacturers of patent medicines, claimed peculiar virtues, proving every point to the satisfaction of a gullible public by using the names of fictitious clergymen. Now the poor man is in prison. But why? Because he

sold these medicines under false pretences? No: if this were an indictable offence, nine-tenths of the proprietors of patent medicines would be serving time. The trouble was his operations were not conducted on a sufficiently large scale. If he could have done full-page advertising in some of the leading dailies, and had some prominent positions in the leading religious journals, then he might tell as many barefaced lies about his wares as he pleased. There can hardly be any doubt that the whole patent medicine business is honeycombed with fraud and deception, and the only way to avoid being duped is to give it a severe letting alone.

On Strengthening the Nerves.

ONE of the misleading statements most frequently met with in the advertisements of patent medicines, is that the preparation in question "strengthens the nerves." Many people know that their nerves need strengthening, and will eagerly grasp at anything that promises to meet that need; but the most elementary knowledge of physiology would show the absurdity of all such claims. Weak nerves, like other organs of the body, are strengthened by wholesome food, abundance of pure air, proper rest, and correct physical habits generally. They are not strengthened by

dosing with concoctions of morphine or other harmful drugs.

Stuffy Living-Rooms.

"IF you feel cold, just turn on the gas." Such was the invitation given a young woman who was going into the parlour to practise on the piano. The fireplace was blocked up, and the room was already as stuffy, though damp and cold, as a room well could be. To burn up more oxygen by lighting the gas would be to render the atmosphere unendurable. Yet the practice is a common one, and consumption of the lungs is an exceedingly common disease, caused by bad air.

Common Sense in Education.

IT would be most refreshing if a portion of the energy which is being expended in fighting over the child's religious education could be drawn upon for looking after his physical needs. Education should be a fitting up for practical life—not merely the mechanical preparing of lessons, and it should be recognised by all teaching authorities that the child under ten needs good food, fresh air, and an opportunity to grow, more than he needs to be kept indoors studying during the day, and sent home with tasks to employ his over-crowded mind till after bedtime.

THE YOUNG MAN'S HEALTH.

BY M. ELLSWORTH OLSEN.

THE young man has his life before him, and whether that life shall be a happy and useful one or the opposite hangs very largely on the question of health. Therefore the young man, of all others, should be interested in common-sense health culture. It is encouraging to note the many indications of a revival of interest in health matters on the part of young men. Some of the most enthusiastic letters that come to the GOOD HEALTH office are from such. Perhaps the following lines taken from a letter from Mr. Hatliff, of the City Police of Lincoln, will give some idea of the general denor of these communications.

The writer says he has adopted the

system of living advocated by Good Health, and as a result finds himself in most excellent health. Moreover, he has also been the means of getting two young ladies in Lincoln to "give up corset-wearing;" (we wish more young men would take up this kind of missionary work) and "they are better to-day than they ever were."

He continues: "When I was a boy I was weaker than most boys of my age, but I made it my chief aim to cultivate good health by exercise, fresh air, and pure water, and though I don't consider myself much of an athlete, I can put to arm's length above my head with either

hand 112 lb., and to arm's length above my head with two hands, 160 lb. I can throw a 65 lb. weight in the air, turning it over and catch it again, and can put my shoulders on one chair and my feet on another, and support on my body 700 lb. These things are nothing to what some men can do; but my aim is good health."

Health v. Brute Strength.

The italicised words seem to us to strike the right cord. Health rather than brute strength is the great need of to-day. When young men neglect to cultivate the health and well-being of the bodily organs by giving up harmful narcotics and exercising selfcontrol in eating and drinking, but go in for vigorous gymnastic exercises in the belief that this alone will build them up physically, they are flying wide of the mark. They may succeed for a time in making some improvement

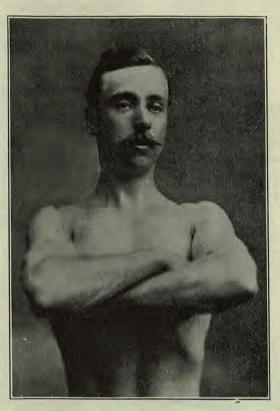
healthwise; but in the long run, they must fail. Heavy gymnastics can never take the place of wholesome, temperate habits. The young man who depletes his nervous system by the free use of tobacco, or by tampering with alcoholic stimulants, will not attain to the vigorous, radiant health of the abstainer from these unnatural indulgences, no matter how earnestly he may try to make amends in the way of muscletraining.

He may be a strong man, but he is not a healthy man. The two things are not by any means synonymous. The man who is healthy, has healthy physical organs -heart, lungs, stomach, liver, kidneys, and, especially, a healthy nervous system. The man who is strong has big musclesthat is about all you can safely say about him. His heart is very likely abnormally large, and therefore liable to disease; his lungs and other organs may be healthy or

> not, according to his habits: but if he smokes, his nervous system is ipso facto out of gear, for no man with healthy nerves can crave a poisonous nar-

cotic.

The young man who would be healthy needs to cultivate healthymindedness. It wonderful what a marked effect a vigorous. fearless habit of mind has in warding off diseases of the body. Probably half the world's invalids are such more because of lack of will power than from actual physical disabilities. Sickly sentimentalism is unfortunately a weakening element in



P. C. HATLIFF.

the lives of many young men, and the reading of erotic novels, and frequent attendance at theatres and music-halls, cannot but confirm any natural tendency in this direction. What such young men need is a stiff breeze from off the uplands. If instead of standing in rows in front of questionable houses of amusement they would take a brisk two hours' walk under the star-lit skies, they would come back to their rooms with clear heads, muscles comfortably tired, blood flowing vigorously through every organ of the body, and feeling that life is indeed well worth the living.

SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES FOR COMMON DISEASES. THE ICE-COLD AND COOLING COMPRESS.

BY ALFRED B. OLSEN, M.D.

ACCORDING to the temperature of the water, compresses may be classed as follows :-

Very cold	32° to	50°
Cold	50° to	70°
Cooling	70° to	80°
Tepid	80° to	92°
Neutral	92° to	97°
Warm	97° to	102°
Hot	102° to	110°
Very hot	110° to	140°

But in ordinary practice we seldom use all these varieties. Those most frequently utilised are the very cold, cold, cooling,

neutral, hot, and very hot.

The requirements for giving a compress are exceedingly simple, being merely a towel or piece of linen or cotton of suitable size, and water of the required temperature.

The Very Cold Compress.

This compress may be ice-cold, or of a higher temperature up to 50°. To prepare, fold the towel or cloth so as to make four to six layers, according to the texture or thickness of the cloth, and then soak it

If ice is to be had, it may be crushed. and small pieces inserted between the folds of the compress. This makes an ice-compress, which retains the cold much longer than one wrung out of cold water, hence it will not require changing so frequently.

The Ice-Bag.

A rubber water-bottle of convenient size containing crushed ice makes an excellent means of applying continuous cold. But an ice-bag should never be applied directly to the skin, except for a very few minutes, for it is likely to do harm. Protect the skin by a layer of flannel. The ice-bag possesses the great advantage of holding its water, and thus not wetting the body or clothing.

The Ice-Cap and Ice-Collar.

As the name would indicate, the ice-cap consists of a rubber which is partially filled with crushed ice and then adjusted to the head. In this case there is no occasion for interposing a flannel, for the hair serves as an efficient protection to the

Still another way of applying continuous cold to the head is by means of a rubber coil, through which ice-cold water is constantly circulating.

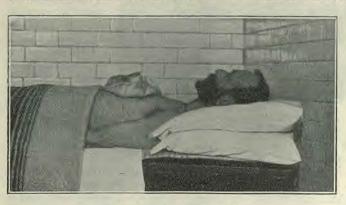
The ice-collar may consist of a narrow, thin rubber spine bag of sufficient length to encircle the neck. This is partially filled with crushed ice. Protect the skin with a laver of flannel.

A more simple, and

almost equally efficient method, is to use a narrow linen compress, placing small bits of ice between the folds. This can usually be applied direct to the skin.

The Duration of the Cold.

This varies much with the condition of



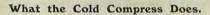
ICE-BAG OVER THE CHEST.

well in ice-cold water and wring sufficiently dry to avoid dripping. Apply it snugly to the skin. As a rule it should not be less than ten or twelve inches square, for otherwise the results will be meagre and unsatisfactory. Exchange for a fresh compress every three or five minutes.

the patient and the results desired. As a rule, it is a good practice not to continue the cold compress more than twenty or thirty minutes. Then it ought to be removed for about five minutes, to give an opportunity for the natural reaction to set in; or, apply a fomentation for three to five minutes. After this the cold compress can be replaced for another interval of twenty to thirty minutes.

The very cold compress often has a chilling effect upon the patient, which is most undesirable. To obviate this, it is well to

give a hot foot bath or fomentations to the feet at the same time.

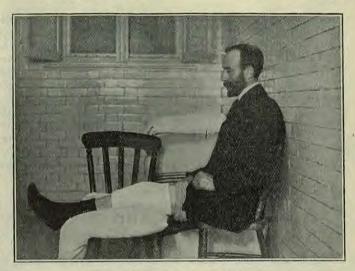


The physiological effects of an ice-cold compress vary according to its duration. If the application is very cold and very brief, there is an immediate blanching of the skin, caused by the contraction of the superficial vessels. But the pallor passes quickly, and is succeeded by an active dilatation of these same vessels, causing a red glow of warmth that is very pleasant. In other words, it produces an exciting and stimulating effect, both locally and generally. Brief cold applications to the head stimulate mental activity.

Continuous Cold Depresses.

But the effect of continuous cold is sedative and depressant. Cold applied continuously lowers vitality and diminishes tissue activity. It has a benumbing and paralysing effect upon the cutaneous nerves.

An ice-bag applied to the heart for fifteen to twenty minutes soon slows the pulse and raises blood pressure. It should not be continued for more than half an hour, after which it is removed and the tissues allowed a few minutes in which to recover their tone before replacing. Friction of the skin will hasten the reaction.



COLD COMPRESS ABOUT THE KNEE.

Brain Congestion, Neuralgia, Hæmorrhage.

Continuous cold, applied to the head, will reduce the temperature of the brain, and is a very useful agent in the treatment of cerebral congestion or cerebro-spinal meningitis.

The very cold or ice compress is a powerful therapeutic agent, and should only be used by those who are acquainted with the principles of water treatment, and are prepared to exercise due care in its administration.

Inflamed Joints.

Local inflammations of the joints are often relieved by the cold compress. The same is true of certain forms of neuralgia. The intense pain of inflamed hæmorrhoids can also be relieved by cold applications. Congestion of the brain is reduced by the ice-cap or ice-collar. The ice-collar is also useful in the treatment of diphtheria. Vomiting and nausea may often be relieved by a cold compress applied to the stomach.

Cold always checks hæmorrhage, and a cold compress is sometimes useful in stopping a bleeding wound. The ice-collar will usually stop nosebleed, if, at the same time, the head is thrown back.

The cold compress is a potent means of strengthening the heart if used with discretion. The temperature must be carefully adapted to the condition of the patient, and the treatment should never be given except under the direction of a physician.

The application of cold to the head or spine will often relieve delirium, and it is a useful measure to employ in treating

acute alcoholism.

The Cold and Cooling Compress.

The temperature of the water is from 50° to 80°. The compress requires changing every five to ten minutes. As in giv-

ing the ice-cold compress, it is a good practice to apply heat to the feet at the same time, so as to prevent chilling of the body. The uses of the cooling compress are very similar to those of the very cold application, except that it is a much milder measure, and can be used more generally and with less danger of doing injury. It makes an efficient treatment for typhoid as well as other fevers, and is recommended for the early stages of pneumonia. The cooling compress also relieves palpitation of the heart.

THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CANCER.

BY FRANKLIN RICHARDS, M.D.

LIKE any other disease, cancer can be prevented by the avoidance of its causes; it can also be cured by the removal of Unanimity of opinion does not exist on the question of the causes of cancer; still, from our study of the nature and origin of disease, we may conclude that-(1) cancer is not the result of infection, (2) nor is it hereditary, except in the general sense that a tendency to any weakness or disease may be inherited. And it may be added (3) that locality and climatic conditions cannot be proved to have any particular bearing upon the development of cancer. So much by way of elimination of the possible causes of cancer.

As statistics upon this question have for the most part been collected with a view to proving that this thing or that causes cancer, it is no use quoting statistics. They are usually laughed at when given, for they prove contradictory things. What, then, in the light of good logic, are the

probable causes of cancer?

The Food Factor

is of the greatest importance in its relation to cancer. Forced feeding must be put down as a cause of the pre-cancerous condition which makes it possible for some such trivial thing as the rubbing of a stay against the skin to excite the body cells into malignant activity. And by forced feeding is meant not so much overeating in general, as that particular form of overeating which loads the body with tissue-building stuff which it does not need. It

is this taking of too much proteid food, such as meat, milk, and eggs, for example, which overstimulates the cells of the body. And if the material so freely supplied to the builders of the body be of an inferior sort—if it be crumbling nitrogenous stuff like bacon, long-kept flesh, the flesh of scavengers or of creatures fattened under unhygienic conditions-it is no sooner built into cells than it must be torn down Just as a garment made from another garment does not last as long as one made from new material, so a body built out of other bodies does not wear as well as a new body built of material fresh from the vegetable kingdom. This quick change of tissue through the forcing of cellular activity by excessive flesh-eating favours the development of cancer.

Lack of Exercise Conducive to Cancer.

Exercise creates a demand for repairstuff (digested albumen) by tearing down muscle and nerve. If one eats heartily, it naturally follows that he must work hard in order to maintain the balance between tissue waste and repair. When demand is less than supply, some repair-stuff accumulates. The cells of the body are naturally thrifty; they try to use this excess. Being indefatigable workers, they undertake to build something. No muscle is needed, for none has been worn out by work; no nerve-cells require repairing, for none have been injured by thinking. So the body cells use up this flesh-forming stuff in just the best way they can—they build something *new* in the body, they create a strange structure, a tumour, it may be a cancer.

Cell Irritants.

And they are goaded on in their work by cell-irritants of all sorts. Some are introduced from without; others produced in the body. The body is a factory of poisons. Under normal conditions of living, these wastes are excreted by the lungs, skin, kidneys and bowels. We breathe them out, sweat them out, wash and purge them away.

But under the abnormal conditions of modern life, the skin becomes hide-bound, the bowels constipated, the kidneys overworked and diseased, while poisons are breathed *in* in close unventilated rooms instead of being breathed *out* in the open air. Is it any wonder, then, that the flesh becomes saturated with sewage, and the cells irritated by accumulated poisons?

Then think of the added cell irritants and poisons—alcohol, tobacco, tea, coffee, sauces, savouries and extracts composed of the poisonous wastes of animal tissue mingled with condiments and spices. Add

to these a long list of chemical irritants known as "drugs," and others of food preservatives and adulterants, mix with the whole a liberal allowance of the common filth which enters so largely into dairy products and manufactured foods, and is it at all strange or mysterious that some of the body-cells at times undergo degeneration and perversion, and get so far out of harmony with the rest of the body as to build destructive new structures like cancer? Is the wonder not rather that they so often long and patiently endure their afflictions without revolting? Then let us respect the rights and stop ignoring the imperative needs of the cells of which we are made. If we do not, these microscopic bits of outraged protoplasm may at last turn and destroy us.

This brief survey having been taken of the great biologic factors in the production of cancer, our attention may now be turned to the more immediate causes. These thrust themselves so to the fore that they often obscure or eclipse the important underlying causes which pave the way for and encourage the development of malignant disease.

THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXHIBITION AT BERLIN.

BY J. F. ROWBOTHAM, M.A.

A CHILDREN'S HEALTH EXHIBITION has been held recently at Berlin, and has attracted much attention and many visitors from all parts of Germany, during the time it remained open, which was some weeks. The place selected for the Exhibition was the Philharmonic Halls, which lend themselves readily to such a purpose. The entrance colonnade was decorated with fir trees standing in heather, and at one side of it was a cow-house full of big cows, and furnished with great bowls of milk and cream.

All sorts of children's foods were shown, in stall after stall, and cooking utensils made of French aluminite were exhibited in great number. A charming nursery with all the newest hygienic apppliances was shown by A. Schumann, of Berlin, the drawers, wardrobe, washstand, etc., of yellow painted wood, a large shelf running the full length of the room for plates, and

all sorts of odds and ends, with a fresco underneath adorned with the funniest of nursery pictures painted in distemper, and a great clock in the centre of the room.

Countless stalls were devoted to infants' clothing, at which among other things the peculiar "lying pillows" were to be seen, which are so much in use in Germany, where it is the custom to carry the children lying on a pillow, or a board, and not in the arms as with us. One stall was devoted to cakes and biscuits, specially made for children's diet.

Another stall was entitled "A school for teaching children to walk," and contained apparatus like large square boxes, with white enamelled tops covered with netting, and a mattress underneath. Some of the perambulators exhibited had linen lining which could be taken out and washed.

Children's beds filled with fine horsehair or with dried seaweed, were shown, these being very good substitute for feathers, which are beginning to be regarded as unhealthy. A weighing machine to test the weight of children at frequent intervals was exhibited, being made of white wood and a gold basket beautifully lined and padded with blue silk and white lace. A facsimile of the bed which was made for

covering as we do, but a large down pillow or bed of the same size as the mattress itself, is placed on the top of the bed and serves in lieu of blankets to cover the sleeper.

The object of this interesting exhibition is to arouse public attention to the alarming increase of infant mortality, and to



BED AND BEDDING OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S GRANDSON.*

the Crown Prince's son, was exhibited. It is furnished with a "reform mattress," and is itself made of white metal with white muslin curtains. The "reform mattress" is on the principle that the horsehair within the mattress can be taken out easily and cleaned at any time. There are summer and winter quilts to the bed, the latter so constructed that a down bed can be slipped into the quilt in cold weather. We must explain in reference to this that the Germans do not use blankets for bed

draw attention to the best means of combating it. The words of the Emperor are quoted, that it is necessary to ventilate the subject before the public, and to place all the means of fighting infant mortality in the most attractive and popular form before the world.

For this reason in the section devoted to children's food, the whole process of bee-

^{*}Block furnished by courtesy of Mr. Steiner & Son, Frankenberg, manufacturer of Reform Bedding.

keeping and honey-making is elaborately illustrated by hives of living bees under glass. In the section devoted to children's medicine, a doll's hospital and a medicine chest are exhibited as toys for children to play with, and for parents to take suggestions from. One toy called "The doll doctor," contains dolls' invalid bandages, a hot water bottle, a water-can to be used on the doll according to the Kneipp system, a thermometer, and a set of massage instruments. This may illustrate with what thoroughness, and almost ridiculous attention to detail, the Exhibition has been organised.

Numerous bone-forming preparations were exhibited, the exhibitors laying great stress on their importance and maintaining that most of the infant mortality in Germany is due to the neglect of this important means of nourishment in early years. One of these preparations had been specially tested by experiments on calves and young lambs, and if all the results attained by these experiments are to be relied on, then neither German children nor any

others need suffer from lack of nutritious material for the teeth and bones.

The accompanying engraving shows the bed and bedding of the young prince, the Kaiser's grandson, which attracted such enormous attention. According to the maker's statement every article of it has been most scrupulously examined and selected from a lot of others by the royal mother, and the gratifying result has been (in the manufacturer's words) that no being on the earth is better and more healthily bedded than the German emperor's grandson." Certainly the definite abandonment of the feather bed for young children is an important step, which deserves imitation. The manufacturer quotes the Latin poet Martial as having condemned the feather bed as an unhealthy thing two thousand years ago, but it is far more likely that the words of the German Emperor and the Crown Princess will be taken than that of so remote an authority as this; and we may expect the infant feather bed in Germany at least soon to disappear.

SEWAGE: AND HOW IT IS DISPOSED OF .- II.

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

THE composition of sewage matter is important, and depends upon whether the conservancy or water-carriage system is employed in the collection; both will be dealt with here. Human excreta, taking an average of both sexes and all ages amounts to about two or three ounces of solid matter and two pints of liquid daily per head.

Even since we have possessed sanitary legislation, and until comparatively recently, excretal matter in houses in towns was collected either in midden-privies or in cesspools; and owing to the infrequent intervals of emptying—which at the best were most unsatisfactory, usually depending upon the individual householder—serious epidemics occurred, more particularly of typhoid, and sometimes of cholera, which cannot be wondered at when the serious pollution of the air in the vicinity of dwell-

ings, and possibly of water used for dietetic purposes, is considered.

Conservancy Systems.

These, for towns, most insanitary methods, gradually gave place, first to a periodic emptying of middens and cesspools by the employees of local sanitary authorities, and then to the use of pail, pan, or tub closets with periodical (not less than weekly) emptyings by local authorities or contractors, suitably constructed vans being employed in the collection of the used pails for conveyance to the depot, for the contents to be dealt with in bulk.

This is technically known as the conservancy interception, or dry, system. In it all liquids, save the urine, require to be kept out of the pails (as in the same method applicable to country dwellings), and the dry screened house ashes should be added, for these help to deodorise the night-soil, and fit it for the "treatment" which it will afterwards receive.

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Various kinds of pails and tubs (either of iron, galvanised iron, or of wood) have been and are now used in the closets of houses in towns where the conservancy system of sewage collection is employed. One of the most satisfactory is the Moule Pail, previously referred to. In one or two manufacturing towns the Goux Pail is

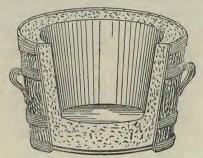


FIG. 1. GOUX PAIL.

used. It is of wood (Fig. 1), and prior to being sent out from the depot to replace the used ones, which are then to be collected, a mixture of sulphate of lime, factory waste, and ashes is added to each pail, with the idea of preventing decomposition in the excreta and to fit it for more ready conversion into portable manure. A mould (Fig. 2) is inserted to press this mixture to the sides, and is not removed until the closet of some house is reached.

That the conservancy system for dealing with the sewage of towns came into vogue, is largely due to the fact that some chemists and agriculturalists were of opinion that crude sewage matter would be invaluable, agriculturally, as manure, and that its collection in a dry state would facilitate its conversion into portable manure for sale to farmers and market gardeners. This idea has since been exploded.

On the reception of the full house pails at the "treatment" depot, the contents are variously dealt with to make them suitable for carriage. The description of one method will suffice. The contents are turned into a long cylinder with a steamjacket which has a hollow shaft for the admission of steam to the cylinder whilst revolving. This it does for some three hours, the process eliminating a considerable quantity of liquid from the excrementitious matter, which is thus reduced to

about one-twentieth of its original weight. On being cooled, it is crushed into a powder, and is ready for sale as manure.

All conservancy systems must, however, ultimately give way to water-carriage. The retention of night-soil in the vicinity of houses in towns is to be deprecated as The disposal of fæcal most insanitary. matter collected by these systems has proved a very expensive and most unsatisfactory one. Farmers and market gardeners who were at one time prepared to pay a high price (sometimes as much as £3 per ton) for excretal matter suitably prepared for manure, now, frequently, not only refuse to pay for it, but wish it brought to their lands free of charge before they will agree to take to it at all. Human fæces are composed of something like ninety per cent of water, and this requires to be got rid of. Lastly, in towns where the dry system is employed, sewers and drains have still to be constructed with an "outfall" as well, for the purpose of carrying off storm waters, the washings of streets, waste waters from dwelling-houses, stabling, etc., etc. Therefore it will be readily

seen that practically the only difference between conservancy and water-carried sewage is the greater quantity of water to be dealt with in the latter. Several towns have abandoned the dry system in favour of water-carriage; others are seriously considering the mat-



FIG. 2. GOUX PAIL MOULD.

ter. Manchester comes before one's mind as an example. It is calculated that if that city had adopted water-carriage for its sewage instead of continuing the conservancy system in 1892 half-a-million of money would have been saved. The conservancy system is highly insanitary as well as costly, and in those towns where it has been replaced by a water-carriage system of sewage collection, the change has been followed by a decreasing death-rate, and general improvement in the vitality of the inhabitants.

The first of this series of articles appeared in the November issue.

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THE URIC-ACID-FREE DIET.

In the October number of GOOD HEALTH we printed an article by Dr. Alexander Bryce pointing out some of the limitations of a strictly uric-acid-free diet, and suggesting that the minute quantities of purins in such ordinary and useful articles of diet as lentils, peas, brown bread, etc., probably would not have any deleterious influence on the vast majority of people, and that it would be needlessly restricting the diet entirely to drop them from the bill of fare; also suggesting that to confine oneself mainly to white bread, milk, cheese, and certain vegetables, while possibly the best thing to do in particular cases, would not prove satisfactory to the average man or woman.

It was intimated in a footnote that the editors of GOOD HEALTH would be pleased to hear from readers of the magazine who had had some definite experiences in living on the Haig regime. The answers could not come in time for insertion in the ensuing number, and the issue for December was a special Christmas number, devoted to topics especially suited to the holiday season. The present is therefore our first opportunity to take up the matter again.

Two of our readers write that they have derived distinct benefit from Dr. Haig's regime. As one of these requests that his name be withheld, we shall refer to both as A and B respectively.

A writes that he was a sufferer from migraine from childhood. He considers himself cured as a result of following Dr. Haig's advice. He was also subject to colds and to eczema. The latter disease attacked him three or four months before he consulted Dr. Haig. He finds that the use of a small quantity of pulse foods tends to bring on the migraine from which he suffered, also that the occasional use of eggs makes him susceptible to colds; and if he returns to the use of jams or other very sweet things, he is likely to have a slight touch of eczema. He is careful to add, however, at the close of his letter that he is not following Dr. Haig's regime strictly. He takes brown bread and oatmeal, and uses fruit quite freely, although he says that Dr. Haig forbids fruit in cold weather and substitutes vegetables. A frequently goes for weeks without touching the latter, preferring fruit, which he takes raw and quite ripe. He thinks that Dr. Haig's system helps one on the moral side.

B writes that he adhered to Dr. Haig's regime for two years and a half, and found the results beneficial. For fifteen years previously he had suffered from indigestion: viz., acidity after meals. He was alsotroubled with insomnia, neuralgia, rheumatism, and constipation. He has specially noted the freedom from neuralgia which has followed the adoption of the new diet. He has reduced his weight from fourteen to eleven stone. He takes eggs occasionally, but does not mention his practice as to brown bread. He also adds that as a result of becoming acquainted with Dr. Chittenden's theory of a lessened intake of food he has omitted supper, and very often dinner when not engaged in muscular toil, with apparent benefit.

It will be noticed that neither of these correspondents have followed the Haig regime strictly, and B's improvement might be attributed in part to cutting down the quantity of food taken. It is in reference to brown bread, fresh eggs, and fruit that some medical men at least are most inclined to take issue with Dr. Haig. We should therefore be pleased to hear from any who have successfully adopted the Haig regime in its entirety, and found themselves benefited or otherwise thereby. The giving up of excessively sweet things like jam is, of course, advocated by practically all food reform physicians under certain conditions, it being generally recognised that such diseases as eczema often have an intimate connection with diet. The real point of Dr. Bryce's article has hardly been touched.

MESSRS. GALE AND POLDEN have put out bright, readable and well-illustrated shilling volumes on the following subjects, "Health Exercise and Physical Training at Home," "Club Swinging as Applied to Health and Development," "Swimming for Health, Exercise and Pleasure," "Physical Culture and Self-Defence," "The Art of Breathing." Fuller mention will be given later.

THE LIVING-IN SYSTEM AND THE NATION'S HEALTH,—Continued.

BY M. ELLSWORTH OLSEN.

The Regulation Dress.

THE dress of the saleswoman is one of the chief causes of her physical suffering. Fashionable dress, including the tightlylaced corset, is harmful enough to any woman; but to the girl who must be on her feet from early in the morning till late and lack of opportunity to properly bathe them."

If the proprietors, instead of insisting on fashionable dress should, lay the emphasis on neatness, comfort, and health, they would be consulting their own interests; for under those conditions the girls could



WINTER SPORTS AT DAVOS PLATZ.

at night, with no opportunity for rest, and scarcely time for hurried meals, it cannot but lead to serious undermining of the system.

On this subject of dress, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Assistant Secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Shop-Assistants, has the following to say: "The regulation dress of the shop-assistant must be black (a most unserviceable colour); it must also be stylish. The skirt usually sweeps the floor, the under garments afford no proper covering for the chest, the 'fitting' corset does its deadly work in preventing the proper expansion of the lungs, and the thin, cheap shoes afford no protection to the feet, but rather aggravate the soreness and inflammation caused by dust, standing,

render far more efficient service at much smaller outlay of physical and nervous energy.

The Living-In System No Safeguard to Morals.

Well-meaning people often assume that the living-in system is a great safeguard against the temptations of a large city to the young men and women subject to its rules. Unfortunately this is not the case. In most houses anything like adequate care for the morals of the employees is impossible under the existing regime, which seems to be based primarily on the need of getting the utmost amount of service with the lowest outlay in the way of wages. For instance, a certain gentleman having

immediate charge of a living-in establishment containing some 800 employees, was not able to tell within a hundred the number of the young people committed to his care.

The indiscriminate huddling together of girls of all classes in common sleepingrooms, with none of the careful super-

vision customary, for instance, in educational institutions, is in itself unfavourable to the maintenance of the best moral atmosphere. One impure-minded girl can easily infect a very large number, before being found out, and that such things happen not infrequently is the testimony of those best acquainted with these establishments.

But while supervision along needed lines is almost entirely wanting, there is no lack of restriction on personal liberty. Rules are in force covering all imaginary misdemeanours, and fines are collected for breaking them, which make

quite an inroad into the unfortunate employee's monthly salary.

There are unwritten rules, too, the disregarding of which often brings that worst of all things to the hapless shop-assistant—dismissal. Naturally the living-in system is inconsistent with married life. It is not strange, therefore, that employees should be discouraged from taking on such responsibilities. A few months ago a prominent London daily printed the following statement of a shop-walker in one of the mammoth establishments:

"There are hundreds of married male assistants

in London who, in order to find bread for their wives and children, are compelled to act the rôle of single men. They 'live in' like the really unmarried man, stealing away on a Sunday morning to pass surreptitiously a few hours with their wives and little ones.'

It is difficult to establish the exact truth of a statement of this kind; but that marriage is strongly discouraged is suggested

by the fact that the additional allowance made to the man who is permitted to marry and "live out" is ridiculously small in comparison with what the firm regards board and lodging on its premises worth when figured as part of the salary.

No one need be told that such restrictions are an unwarrantable interference with personal rights, and utterly inconsistent with the development of strong, manly characters. If there are half a dozen married men obliged to live in the humiliating conditions named by the shop-walker, it is enough to cast serious reflection



MOUNTAIN-SCALING.

uponothe living-in system.

The very helplessness of the employee under the living-in regime is one of the main objections to it as a system. He enters a mere boy in many cases, and unless he shows extraordinary ability, he is likely to find himself at twenty-five or thirty still earning small wages. If he displeases his employer, he is cut loose from his moorings, separated from the only life he knows anything about, and left to drift he knows not whither on the treacherous sea of non-employment.

(To be concluded.)



MAKING THE BABY COMFORTABLE IN COLD WEATHER.

BY EULALIA S. SISLEY-RICHARDS, M.D.

THERE is as much difference between comfort and discomfort as between white and black, though often the things which make us either comfortable or uncomfortable may seem small and insignificant in themselves.

We grown people can easily minister to our own comfort. If too warm, we raise a window; if cold, we add more coals to the fire or don an extra garment. If our comfort demands the assistance of others, we do not hesitate to make our needs known. Not so with the baby. If he is uncomfortable, he can only suffer in silence, or, what is more likely, announce his discomfort by fretting or crying. He is fortunate if he has for his mother or caretaker a person who can anticipate his needs and who is clever at interpreting his more or less unintelligible complaints.

Clothing of Arms and Legs.

In making baby comfortable in cold weather one of the most important considerations is that of dress. While it is true that a healthy baby possesses good heat-making powers, these powers cannot be overtaxed except at the expense of the general vitality of the child. It should be continually borne in mind that young children are more susceptible to the influences of cold than are adults, and because of this they should be warmly and evenly clothed. Special attention should be given to the clothing of the arms and legs. Soft knitted vests with long sleeves, and warm woollen stockings which are long enough to reach above the knees and be pinned to the diapers, will do much toward making baby comfortable. In place of the kid shoes ordinarily worn, little felt shoes with felt

soles can be purchased in sizes small enough for the baby who is one year old.

Attention should also be given to the diapers. They should be of such size and so adjusted as thoroughly to protect the skirts from moisture. This can easily be accomplished if the diapers are changed as soon as wet, a precaution necessary always, but especially so in cold weather, when its neglect will not only cause baby discomfort but may result in serious chilling.

The Daily Outing.

While it is important that baby be sufficiently clothed when indoors, it is still more important that special care be given to preparing him for his daily outings. Not many days since two babies (each about one year old) went with their respective nurses for their afternoon outing in the park. One was happy and contented all the afternoon—the other was fretful and cried during a large part of the time. On their return a little investigation revealed the cause of this difference in their behaviour. The contented baby was properly clothed and snugly tucked in with warm shawls, so that when he was removed from his carriage he was "as warm as toast." He had been comfortable. other baby had been put into perambulator with bare hands and feet. There was but a scanty coverlet over him, which did not wrap around his legs, but left them exposed to the cold. When taken from his carriage his hands and legs, were as cold as ice." He had been decidedly uncomfortable during his outing, but after his little hands and feet had been held to the fire for a few minutes, he was transformed from a fretful, crying child into the

happiest of babies. But this is not always the sequel of a chill. Often a sharp attack of indigestion or a severe cold follows the unpleasant experience.

Fresh Air at Night.

Although it is necessary to guard the young child from undue exposure to cold, the mistake must not be made of depriving him of fresh air, for this is as essential to baby's health in the winter as in the summer. The windows should be open day and night to allow a constant inflow of pure, health-giving air, though some simple device may be needed to prevent cold draughts from striking the child. It will be found that baby will sleep soundly in a cool, well-ventilated room, nor will he be inclined to throw off the bed-coverings. It will be best to undress him in a warm room, where his feet can be warmed by

the fire. Then if he wears a flannel night-dress, and is well tucked into his cot with warm blankets, he will be cosy and comfortable until morning. The baby who is put to bed in a warm room or who is over-covered is likely to be restless. He tosses about and throws off the covers, a thing which may result seriously if the room temperature falls in the night, as is often the case. The foregoing suggestions apply to babies who are several months old. The young infant, though needing fresh air, needs also more warmth than the older child, so that it is usually best for him to sleep in a room which is comfortably warmed.

The baby's comfort is important not alone for his own sake. The mother who succeeds in making baby comfortable will have done much toward securing the happiness and comfort of the entire household.

Chats with Semi-Invalids.

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BY A. J. HOENES, M.D.

SINCE the publication of a treatise on diseases of the kidneys by Dr. Richard Bright, in 1827, the natural functions and the ailments of these organs have been fairly well understood. Their important work is to remove all impurities and deleterious substances from the blood. Like other organs, when overworked they become exhausted, disabled, irritated, and ultimately diseased. The kidneys are so constructed that they are able to do the normal amount of work perfectly well. One being removed, the remaining one can even perform the work of two reasonably well. A certain amount of abuse can be endured for a reasonable length of time without serious injury. But if excessive quantities of meat, wine, tea and coffee, tobacco, pepper, and other condiments are introduced into the system for years, thus entailing much extra work for the kidneys, these organs become weak and irritated, and may become incurably diseased.

Pain in the Back.

A popular idea exists that pain in the back is a sign of kidney complaint. The manufacturer of patent medicines takes advantage of this fact and advertises that persons suffering with backache must take his patent kidney cure at once and be relieved—of their money, certainly, but not of their disease. Most kidney diseases, especially the chronic forms, are painless, and a pain in this region is more often an indication of displacement, prolapse (often due to tight-lacing) of the abdominal organs—the stomach, liver, bowels, or perhaps the kidneys.

Free Water-Drinking Helpful.

Another erroneous idea is that drinking freely of water or other liquids puts more work upon the kidneys. Certainly the excretion is more copious, but that does not imply more work. On the contrary, the kidney can do its work much more easily when it is supplied freely with

water, just as it is easier to do a washing or house-cleaning with less difficulty when the water supply is plentiful. This explains the beneficial effects of most teas and mineral waters. The water they contain is the active principle which promotes the action of the kidneys, relieves irritation, and cleanses the blood.

Most of the mixtures found in patent drinks, such as alcohol, tea and coffee, beef extract, cocoa, hops and yeast, and other chemical substances are harmful, and do not add to the efficiency of the water. Fruit juice, however, especially that of the grape; or watermelon, on account of the natural acids it contains, also milk, soups and gruels, parsley, carrots, dandelion, asparagus, and occasionally teas prepared from harmless herbs, such as broom, couchgrass, sarsaparilla, convalaria, and juniper, may be used to increase the action of the kidneys and relieve irritation. Naturally weak and irritable kidneys, however, may become irritated by over-stimulation even by these, as is often the case when asparagus is

taken too freely. In such cases only the mildest foods should be used.

The bowels, lungs, and especially the skin, co-operating with the kidneys in their excretory work, should not be neglected, for when these are inactive an unusual amount of work is thrown upon the kidneys. The verdict, "Thou shalt eat thy bread by the sweat of thy brow," has a physiological as well as a moral interpretation. A Turkish or vapour bath may be a good substitute for work, but the most beneficial perspiration is the honest sweat earned by active physical exercise. The latter, at the same time, promotes the metabolic changes in the body, the oxidation of impurities in the blood, and increases the activity of the bowels and the lungs.

The first indication of kidney disease is often discovered by an examination of the urine, and it is advisable, especially in all cases of general ill health, that such examination be made from time to time to determine the nature and amount of work

done by the kidneys.

GOOD HEALTH LEAGUE.

INTERESTING reports are coming in from time to time from the various local branches of the Good Health League. The Newcastle-on-Tyne branch, of which Mr. J. Brandt, 162 Heaton Park Road, is the president, held its opening meeting of the season early in November. Dr. T. M. Allison occupied the chair, and an address was given on "Our Daily Food" by M. Ellsworth Olsen.

The Leeds branch, of which Mr. Ellis, 7 Thornhill View, is the secretary, opened the follow-

ing evening.

Mrs. Borrowdale, secretary of the Plymouth branch, 90 Union Street, Stonehouse, gives a cheering report of the first two meetings of the season. This has been one of our most aggressive and enterprising Leagues from the time it was organised.

The North London branch has taken on a new lease of activity the present year. Its officers are putting forth whole-hearted efforts to make the work tell for good. The meetings are well attended and the programmes are most interesting and attractive. The secretary is Mr. E. H. Marsh, 451 Holloway Road, N.

The Caterham League has maintained a very high average of excellence for years past. We note that the local paper contains a half-column report of the last meeting. The secretary is Miss

H. Howarth.

We are pleased to report that a Good Health

League has just been organised at Cardiff, following upon a three days' School of Health conducted by Dr. A. B. Olsen. Miss Edith Chapman, 145 King's Road, is the secretary.

Any of the above mentioned secretaries will be pleased to give full particulars of the meetings to any persons living in the locality who might

wish to attend.

The Central Good Health League, London, is adding new members to its list from day to day, and will be pleased to receive many more. A postcard addressed to the general secretary, 451 Holloway Road, London, N., will bring full particulars, together with preliminary membership blank. The prospective member can then fill out the preliminary membership blank and send in the same with 1/- in stamps, when he will receive membership card and badge. The statement of principles is as follows: "I am a total abstainer from alcohol and tobacco, and I desire to learn and to follow the perfect way of life in all that pertains to health and purity." All readers of GOOD HEALTH who would like to have a part in spreading the knowledge of these life-giving principles are heartily invited to join the League, and thus associate themselves definitely with the movement. It is planned to hold a grand rally some time in the spring or early summer, at which all the branch Leagues would be represented by delegates. More of this later.



In cold weather the appetite is usually at its best, and the thoughtful housewife will prepare meals which, while wholesome and reasonably easy of digestion, will fully meet the real demand for something tasty and substantial. Natural foods can be prepared in so many different ways that there will not be the slightest difficulty in maintaining an excellent variety once the subject of scientific cooking is gone into with some degree of thoroughness. greater the experience of the housewife in ordinary cookery, the more quickly will she get hold of the principles which lie at the foundation of what is usually known as food reform cookery.

Of course there are degrees of reform; or more properly, there are varieties of food reform diets. Some vegetarian dishes may be very appropriate to a man who is doing hard, physical work out-of-doors, but entirely unsuited to the needs of one of sedentary habits. In general, the sedentary worker finds his head clearest and his body most vigorous while relying largely on fruits of various kinds, nuts and nut foods, and well-toasted cereals, vegetables not being taken in any great quantities. the man who works with his hands can do well on a diet largely made up of vegetables, which in this country, fortunately, can be had in fair condition throughout the year.

The following recipes, furnished us by Mrs. Hudson, of Witham, Essex, are for the most part intended for men who do physical work, who will find them good standbys. The nutritive value of lentils and similar natural foods is far superior to that of meat, and the cost per pound is correspondingly less. If some of our readers who have not done much in natural food cooking, try a few of these dishes as an experiment, they will be pretty sure to use them regularly.

Vegetable Stew.—2 carrots, 2 turnips, 2 onions, 1 parsnip, 1 stick celery. Put into a pint of boiling water, and when perfectly tender, thicken with a little flour and add a small piece of nut butter with salt to taste. Serve on a dish, surrounded with toast.

Lentil Sausages.—Cook in a jar in the oven one cup lentils in one cup of water. Add to this ½ lb. bread, soaked in water and squeezed dry. Also put in any vegetables left over from the day before, together with one egg and salt to taste. Mix well, shape into sausages, and heat in the frying-pan with just enough butter to prevent burning, or bake in the oven.

Mock Turkey.—Cook cup of lentils as in foregoing. Mix with it $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. soaked bread, salt, and one egg. Also mix together a few sprigs chopped parsley, small piece lemon, thyme, salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. soaked bread squeezed dry and one egg; then shape this into a roll and cover with lentil mixture. Brush over with egg. Bake to a nice brown. Pour a gravy over. Serve with bread sauce, potatoes, and Brussels sprouts.

Yorkshire Pudding.—Butter a Yorkshire pudding-tin. Place over the bottom tomatoes cut in half, sprinkle with salt and sugar. Heat in the oven, then pour over a batter as made for Yorkshire pudding. Serve hot, with gravy, in tureen.

Rice Soup.—1 pint boiling water, 1 large onion or two small, salt, a teaspoonful peanut butter, 1 tablespoonful rice. Boil till rice is done. Serve with croquets of toast.

Baked Onions.—Boil 3 Spanish onions. When nearly done take out. With the broth make a white sauce. Place onions in a buttered pie-dish, pour over white sauce and bake slowly an hour.

MISS B. E. MUIR thinks the notes on "Rice as a Food," which appeared in the November Good Health, may be misleading unless they are taken to apply to unpolished rice, ordinary rice being "devoid of real nourishment." She gets a very good quality of genuine unpolished rice from Messrs. Savage & Sons, 53 Aldersgate Street, London, E.C. Our correspondent has fallen into an error commonly made, in speaking of the ordinary polished rice as devoid of real nourishment. It is not so rich in proteids as the unpolished article, but as a supplier of the starch element of food, which is after all the largest element in the daily diet, it is unsurpassed. However, we have no hesitation in recommending the unpolished article as the best.

THE OUTDOOR CLUB.

WE have received many encouraging letters from different parts of the country giving suggestions in reference to our Outdoor Club. It will be possible to give only a small selection of the letters, all of which, however, are thoroughly appreciated.

Mr. Albert Morrell, of Wandsworth, S.W., writes: "I was very pleased to see a further article on the Outdoor Club in the current magazine, and shall await further developments with greatest interest. The idea which inspires you in forming the Club is, I think, a splendid one. I think the oak leaf a very fitting symbol of the

objects of the Club."

Dr. A. C. Rainer, of Chiswick, is in perfect agreement with us in reference to the importance of an outdoor life. He writes: "I am following with interest your plan of starting a club or society, which among other things ought to combat the damnable nonsense of the perniciousness of night air, and spread the gospel of the open bed-room window." We think the doctor has given plain expression to one of the most important objects of the organisation.

Cold Air but no Colds.

Mrs. Hudson, of Witham, Essex, writes: "I am much in sympathy with the Outdoor Club. This summer we have had our meals in the garden with only a shade overhead, not a closed-in summerhouse. I have worked and slept in a hammock out-of-doors. We have just had to come in, but though we are indoors and have a fire, we scarcely ever close the window in the drawing-room or dining-room. Our bed-room window faces east, and we have it open a yard at the top, and three inches at the bottom. We can feel the cool air on our faces but take no colds. Let me know of any way in which I can help the Club."

Miss Elsie Cole, of Croydon, suggests that the members of the Outdoor Club should be early She thinks that early morning walks should be arranged locally for those who have the time and the inclination. Once started she is sure they would be continued by many people. She is making the Club known to her friends, and thinks

she can promise half a dozen members.

Dr. T. M. Allison, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, writes: "I think the idea of an Outdoor Club a very good one in itself for the body, and, if a science like geology or botany were added, splendid for the mind.

Mr. Stanley Andrews, of Gillingham, Kent, writes: "As a young man who is an intense nature lover and a physical culturist, it is with great pleasure that I write you on the subject of your projected Outdoor Club. Such a society is very urgently needed to combat the indifference that is everywhere manifested toward rational thought and exercise. There is nothing so exaltng as a love for nature in all her moods, and

acting on this idea, I have, in a humble way, given addresses on natural history and urged my hearers to get out into God's fair country, to take an interest in all His creations-animate and inanimate. The Club, may I suggest, could recommend or even cause the distribution of such outdoor books so refreshing in their style as those of Richard Jefferies, and 'Walden,' by Thoreau. It could also encourage the instituting of rambles with definite aims, even in winter when the weather was fit, as well as of lectures and social gatherings for instructional purposes on natural history, good living, etc."

44 Weeks under Canvas.

Mr. Norman McLean Myott, solicitor, of Hanley, writes: "I was pleased to read your notes entitled The Outdoor Club' in the November issue of GOOD HEALTH. I myself am very interested in outdoor life, having during the last two years lived under canvas for the space of forty-four weeks, so that perhaps I have a greater knowledge than most men of the effects of outdoor life, and of life in country districts. I am a councillor for the borough of Newcastle-under-Lyne, and shall be glad to assist you in every possible way in making your proposal a success.'

Miss Amy K. Osborne, of Southend-on-Sea, thinks it might be useful if some kind of a reading circle were to be part of the Club, and suitable nature reading be recommended to the members. She suggests that it would be just as well not to have any definite pledge, but to have members

agree with the objects of the Club.

These extracts will give the readers of GOOD HEALTH a good opportunity to understand how the Outdoor Club is developing. It is not the purpose to make the organisation too formal. It should be an outdoor movement in every sense of the word, and should have something of the delightful indefiniteness that we so much admire in nature. Summing up the ideas that have been suggested we may set down the following as essentials:-

Principles of the Club.

1. Outdoor exercise to form a daily habit, recreation hours to be spent in the open as far as consistent.

2. Thorough ventilation of living- and

bed-rooms.

- 3. Some interest in natural objects, such as birds, trees, flowers, and likewise in books treating of such subjects.
- 4. A desire to get in touch with persons of like aspirations and ideals.
 - 5. A further desire to make these ideas

to prevail; in other words, to inspire in others a love for nature in all her moods, and a determination to adopt wholesome outdoor habits.

The Outdoor Club, in other words, is a community of minds interested in outdoor matters of all kinds, and thoroughly convinced of the uplifting, healing influences to be met with under the open heavens.

It is a pleasure to record the formation of the North London branch of the Outdoor Club with Mr. Clay O'Donnell as president and Mr. H. J. Stone, 25 Marriott Road, Tollington Park, London, N., as honorary secretary. The Club was organised the 22nd of November. The first ramble was held in the afternoon of December 2nd. This Club also meets for an evening gathering on the first Thursday of each month. Other local honorary secretaries have been appointed as follows:—

Mr. Stanley Andrews, Gillingham, Kent Miss Elsie Cole, Croydon. Mr. Albert Morrell, Wandsworth, London, S.W.

Miss Osborne, Southend-on-Sea.

The movement has been definitely set on foot, the acorn has been planted, and no doubt the full-spreading oak will in time appear.

The initiation fee is 1/-. Persons already belonging to the Good Health League may become members without fee on simply declaring their sympathy with the objects of the Club. The matter of badges has not been fully settled. Persons who would like to become members may write in to the undersigned at 451 Holloway Rd., London, N., stating their agreement with the objects as set forth on this page and inclosing the initiation fee in stamps. They will then be placed on the list in the order in which the letters arrive. Further particulars will be given next month. We hope to hear from a large number of enthusiastic outdoor people.

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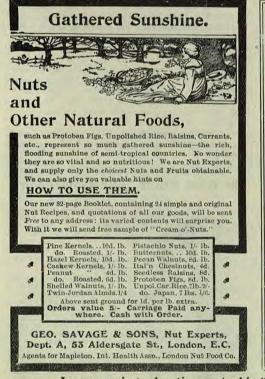
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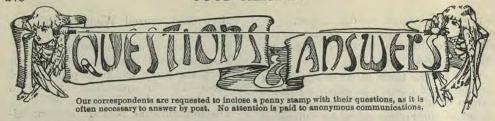
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Ralston Breakfast Food.—A.M.: "Is the Ralston breakfast food a pure article, free from chemicals?"

Ans.—Yes, it is one of the best breakfast foods of which we know.

Rheumatism.—P.: "Do you think the vapour bath a good thing for rheumatism?"

Ans.—Yes, this form of treatment is usually found very effective in relieving rheumatic conditions. Attention should also be given to the adoption of a suitable diet in order that the results may be permanent.

Nasal Catarrh.—E.A.E.: "I shall be glad if you will advise me what to do for running of the nose, to which I am frequently subject. It is sometimes accompanied by headache."

Ans.—We would recommend you to obtain, of the Good Health Supply Co., the complete outfit for the treatment of catarrh, and use it perseveringly. Adopt a simple diet, and use cold friction to improve the activity of the skin.

Swelling in the Neck—Face Cream.—R.M.: "1. Three months ago my jaw swelled, after having a tooth extracted. The swelling extends down into the neck, immediately underneath the jaw bone, and remains there. It is quite soft. What would you recommend? 2. What would you advise me to use to smoothe and soften the face?"

Ans.—1. Consult a physician and follow his counsel. 2. Bathe the face with tepid or cool soft water, using a mild soap such as McClinton's Colleen, and then rinse in cold water, to which a little lemon juice has been added, and dry well. A little Pompeian Cream may be rubbed in after drying, before retiring at night.

Enlarged Tonsil.—H.L.R.: "My left tonsil is enlarged, and there is a discharge of matter. Will it be necessary to undergo an operation, or is there any other way of having it put right?"

Ans.—You might use a gargle of one part of Listerine to three parts of water two or three times a day. If this is not successful, you should have some local treatment by a competent physician; on the other hand, if the tonsil is badly diseased, it would be better to have the diseased portion removed by an operation.

Exercises.—J.G.: "1. I am getting stout, and would like to know if there are any exercises that I could take to advantage? 2. I see plenty of patent medicines advertised for reducing flesh—would you recommend any of them?"

Ans.—1. Yes, you would do well to adopt a systematic course of exercises, and we would recom-

mend you to join the Good Health School of Physical Culture. 2. No. We consider all such medicines harmful, and many of them are dangerous. Have nothing to do with them at all. Besides exercise, you ought to regulate your diet, and avoid sugar, sweets, jam, marmalade, pastry, cakes, puddings, and similar flesh-forming foods. Be abstemious in your eating.

Diet for Consumptives—Constipation.—M.F.B.: "I am afflicted with tuberculosis of the lungs, and go in for open air and rest cure.

1. Will you please put me on a suitable diet? 2. In what way can I take milk? 3. Would any fruit suit me? 4. What can I do for constipation?"

Ans.-1. You should adopt a liberal diet of plain, wholesome food. If your stomach is very weak, you might take three or four meals per day, but they should, of course, be rather light. Dextrinised breads and well-cooked cereals, especially zwieback, with baked potatoes, tender greens, nuts, nut foods, fruit and the dairy products, will furnish you an ample variety. 2. Junket, butter milk, custards and milk puddings, also new milk which has been sterilised before using. 3. Steamed figs, dates, stewed prunes, raisins and sultanas, various dried fruits and fresh fruit, especially oranges, apples, bananas, peaches, plums, cherries and other small fruits, should all suit you. It is not well to combine fruit with milk or vegetables as a rule. 4. The free use of fruit will help to overcome the constipation. If necessary, you might use tepid water enemata to cleanse the bowels.

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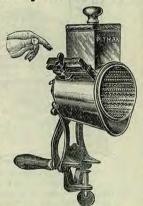
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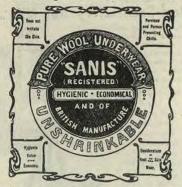
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