

readly noted, that the spread of consumption is largely due to the circumstances that the sputum of consumptive patients, which always contains tubercle bacilli, floats about in the air after being dried and pulverized, and is inhaled by healthy people. The president of police has therefore ordered that all consumptive patients in hospitals and elsewhere shall be kept isolated and forbidden to expectorate on the floor or into their handkerchiefs, but only into vessels partly filled with water; that the sputa shall be removed in a wet condition; and that their clothes and linen shall be thoroughly boiled and disinfected.

IN CHINA, ADELE M. FIELDE states, in the *Popular Science Monthly* for July, food averages little more than a dollar a month for each member of a farmer's family. One who buys, cooks, and eats his meals alone, spends from one and a half to two dollars a month upon the raw material and fuel. Two pounds of rice, costing three and a half cents, with relishes of salt fish, pickled cabbage, cheap vegetables and fruits, costing a cent and a half, is the ordinary allowance to each laborer for each day. Abernethy's advice to a luxurious patient, "Live on sixpence a day and earn it," is followed by nearly every Chinaman. One or two dependent relatives frequently share the sixpence.

DR. FORDYCE BARKER, of New York, asserts, as the result of constant research on the subject, that cancer is not a hereditary disease.

CITIZEN (to physician)—I say, doctor, do you know anything about Brown's financial standing in the community. Is he prompt? Physician—Well, all I know is that I have been his family physician for seven years, and he's always paid me; and a man who will pay his doctor's bill will pay anything.

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, (American edition, Potter Building, N.Y.) taking it altogether the best weekly in the world, has given illustrations during the last few weeks, among others are the following subjects, with descriptive text: "My Old Regiment," full page; "A Game at Chess," also full page, capital; numerous "Sketches from The Art Exhibition"; and of the "Looshai Expedition," very interesting; "Bird's-eye View of the Paris Exhibition Buildings and Grounds," double page; "The Hurricane at Samoa on the morning of March 16th," double page; and "Sketches

in the Samoa Islands"; "Queen's Drawing-room Day, Yeoman of the Guard in the Mall going to Buckingham Palace," full page; "A Spring Cleaning," somewhat startling; "A Princess of Cyprus," very fine, double page; "Converting a Radical," very suggestive, full page; and "Life on Board a Man-of-war, Sunday morning service," double page.

FOLLOWING upon the July chapters of "The Life of Lincoln" there will probably be only six more installments of this remarkable history in the Century series. It is said that these concluding chapters deal with the most important and absorbing personal and political topics, to which Messrs. Nicolay and Hay bring a vast fund of special information. Lincoln's sagacity in dealing with men and measures (and occasionally his humour) come out in strong relief.

THE PUBLISHERS ANNOUNCE that the back numbers of *The Century* from November, 1886, containing the installments of the *Lincoln History* are now all in print and can be supplied to those who wish to complete their sets. Of several of these numbers two hundred and fifty thousand copies have been printed.

MR. W. J. STILLMAN, the art critic, writes to the *New York Evening Post* that M. Hébert, Director of the Académie Française at Rome, "one of the most thoughtful of modern French painters, and perhaps the best representative still living of the great poetic French school of art," says of Mr. Cole's engravings now appearing in the *Century Magazine*, that "he had never seen such work on wood, and did not suppose wood-engraving to be capable of it."

IN THE *POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY* for July, thoughtful essays and interesting descriptive articles are happily mingled. Prof. W. G. Sumner, of Yale, opens the number with a discussion of the question, "What is Civil Liberty?" in which he reviews the earlier ideas of civil liberty, and points out the dangers which now threaten it. In "Muscle and Mind," Frances Emily White, M. D., points out the connection between physical and mental activity, giving accounts of the use of physical training in improving the mental condition of an idiot boy, and of criminals, with portraits of the boy at different stages of his treatment.

"CHRISTIANITY AND AGNOSTICISM" is the title of a further reply to Prof. Huxley, by Rev. Dr. WACE, in *The Popular Monthly* for