

hours. Dr. Symons, by the way, registers an emphatic protest against the latrine as commonly in use in this country, being particularly offensive when, as is often the case, the supply of water for flushing is limited in amount. "We should see that the school surroundings are at least equal in decency to those of the average of homes." With reference to the open-air school in England, this writer gives a bit of the history. The first school of the kind, it seems, was provided by the London County Council at Bostall Woods in 1907. The school was opened on July 22 with 112 children. In 1908, similar schools were opened at Norwich, Halifax and Bradford, and in the intervening years many have been established.

Experimenting with the Berlin Waiter's Serviette.

Medical scientists in Europe are begin-

ning to take a very antagonistic interest in the restaurant and hotel waiter's serviette, that handy and not always overly clean square of hemmed linen which the waiter carries over his arm and with which he dusts chairs, sweeps crumbs off the table, swishes flies away, polishes your plate, goblet, knife and fork, and sometimes mops his own forehead.

The crusade is being led by Professor Kron, of Berlin, who has been collecting serviettes after use by waiters and submitting them to microscopical inspection. He has pointed out the danger to health in using one serviette for so many purposes. Germs of disease have been found on these napkins after they had been in use for less than one hour. Professor Kron is in favor of laws requiring the constant renewal of serviettes, if the waiter must use them at all, and prohibiting him from using the serviette for more than one purpose.

