

SEWER GAS AND TYPHOID.—A case of typhoid fever has been reported in the *Practitioner* by Dr. Carroll. The patient was a chambermaid in a carefully kept country seat on Staten Island. The case was well marked, and death took place on the 27th day. The house had all practical provisions for all hygienic needs. Every precaution had seemingly been taken by the plumber as to traps, ventilating pipes, etc., but on close investigation the leaden soil pipe, leading from the servant's water-closet, was found to be "corroded with numerous pin-holes" through which sewer-gas escaped. The most careful inquiries failed to elicit any other cause for the disease. The writer thinks this case strong evidence against Professor Tyndall's alleged "direct continuation of a diseased intestine" cause. It is also, we think, good evidence against the water-closet system for the removal of excrement.

POISONOUS CANNED SALMON.—A correspondent in the *Sanitarian*, Dr. Balch, says he was called, June 22nd, 1875, to a family of five persons, all of whom were affected with vomiting, and (all but one) purging severely, about three hours after eating canned salmon. All recovered, though some were nauseated and had griping pains for eighteen hours. The can had been opened two days previous, and some had been eaten at that time without unpleasant results. Putrefactive change had most likely taken place; as many are aware, fish is liable to this change and may then when eaten give rise to poisonous symptoms.

RESUSCITATION EXTRAORDINARY.—At the July meeting of the Michigan State Board of Health, an interesting case of resuscitation of a girl supposed to have been dead from drowning was reported by the Rev. Mr. Brook, of the State University. Efforts were continued for six hours before signs of life appeared, but the patient was finally restored to life.

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