

UNSAFE.—In *Hall's Journal* it is stated that half a teaspoonful of common table salt dissolved in a little cold water and drank will instantly relieve "heart burn" or dyspepsia. If taken every morning before breakfast, increasing the quantity gradually to a teaspoonful of salt and a tumbler of water, it will in a few days cure any ordinary case of dyspepsia, if at the same time due attention is paid to the diet. We warn our readers against even trying any such remedies without first consulting a qualified physician. Much harm might result. We are surprised to find such cure copied into a respectable scientific journal. People are always safe in using preventive hygienic measures, and never safe in attempting means of cure without medical advice in the particular case.

A NEW WATER TEST.—Dr. Angus Smith, F. R. S., reports to the Local Government Board, that in all natural waters sugar ferments and hydrogen gas is given off, the proportion varying with the amount of organic impurity in the water. The proportion of hydrogen evolved will prove a quantitative test of the virulence of the microbes present in the waters.

AN ONION DISEASE—In the *Rev. Scientifique*, it is stated that M. Joannes Chatin has found a parasite in the common onion that gives rise to disease. M. Pasteur, who has examined it, finds it similar to the parasite of mildew in wheat, but with less vitality.

BALL'S HEALTH CORSETS.—We cannot too strongly impress upon our readers the great advantages of Ball's health corsets for ladies. It is impossible to lace very tightly with them, with their coil spring, elastic sides, yet they fit snugly and firmly while permitting the free action of the lungs. This is a most important point for ladies to consider and act upon. No

other corset that we know of can approach Ball's in its conformity to the requirements of health.

Questions and Answers.

We will devote a certain amount of space to questions and answers of correspondents on all subjects pertaining to health. Any question relating to health, addressed to this JOURNAL, will be answered as satisfactorily as possible. Answers solicited from correspondents.

WM. ANGUS, MONTREAL.—The proportion of carbolic acid and chloride of lime as a deodorant and antiseptic may be varied according to circumstances. One part by weight of the former to two of the latter may be used, and made in solution, strong or weak as required.

G. N. ABBOTT; S. NEWBORO, VERMONT.—By communicating with the Secretary of the Ontario Provincial Board of Health, Toronto, Canada, you will be able to obtain the papers you want, in the first and the second annual report of the Board. Prof. Arnott's address is London, Ontario, Canada.

PICTON.—Some one has sent one year's subscription to this JOURNAL, enclosed in a note headed "Picton, February 5th, 1884," but without signature. Hence we do not know who it is from. Please send name.

NOTICES OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS, a good many of which have been received, we are forced to hold over for next number.

THE TORONTO SHOE COMPANY, Store corner of King and Jarvis Streets, Toronto, have a special ladies' department or parlor, a great convenience for ladies.

AT THE OTTAWA PLATING WORKS 170 Sparks Street, old, worn plate can be made as good as new, and at moderate costs.

HIMALAYAN TEA makes a most delicious, refreshing beverage, and at a very moderate cost. It is a kind of black tea, and is believed to be much less liable to adulteration than most other teas. So far as we can learn, all who have tried it are so well pleased with it that they will not use any other.