

manufactured without white phosphorus will be placed on the Indian market, and will remove any temporary inconvenience to which the bill may lead.

SEA TURTLES USED FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

A French historian, in connection with the alleged cure for tuberculosis now being advanced by Dr. F. F. Friedmann in the United States, calls attention to the little known fact that the medicinal use of the sea-turtle is by no means of recent date.

On July 8, 1483, King Louis XI. of France sent George the Greek, master mariner, to the Cape Verde Islands to seek "various things touching nearly to the well-being and health of our person." The Cape Verde Islanders had the reputation of possessing a cure of leprosy, a report of which had been brought back to France by a traveller from the coast of Guinea at about the time King Louis was in declining health. According to the recital of this traveller, the big sea turtles were caught by the islanders when they came out on the beach at low tide to feed. They were at once killed, and their blood caught in large tubs. Persons afflicted with leprosy bathed in the blood, and afterwards ate of the turtle's flesh. This treatment was kept up for two years, at the end of which time the patients were usually completely cured of the dreadful disease.

This record would tend to show that Louis XI. was a leper. That such was the case had been rumored by chroniclers, but the reason of the expedition to the Cape Verde Islands, now published for the first time, throws much light on the psychology of Louis XI., his ill-humor, and his sedulous avoidance of mankind during the last days of his life. The wretched man evidently believed himself smitten with leprosy. He was, however, never fated to test the efficacy of the sea-turtle remedy, for he died August 30, 1483, before the return of the expedition.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC

PLASMODIAL ANEMIA.

In spite of the modern theory of the etiology of malaria and malarial affection (mosquito-borne infection) this plasmodial disease continues to be rife in certain sections of the country and bids fair to be, like "the poor," "always with us."