

To those whose means are limited it must meet with especial favor, for it offers them what could not otherwise be obtained except by a large outlay. Intelligent readers who want to save time and money will find it invaluable.

The prospectus, printed in another column, should be examined by all in selecting their periodicals for the new year. For the amount and quality of the reading furnished, the new price makes *The Living Age* the cheapest as well as the best literary weekly in existence. Reduced clubbing rates with other periodicals offer still greater inducements, and to new subscribers remitting now for the year 1896, the intervening numbers of 1895 will be sent gratis. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

#### RENDER THE INTESTINAL CANAL ANTISEPTIC.

The *Materia Medica* gives at least one safe intestinal antiseptic. It is Salol. Professor Hare, in the last edition of his *Practical Therapeutics*, says that Salol "renders the intestinal canal antiseptic, and so removes the cause of the disorder, instead of locking the putrid material in the bowel, as does opium." He regards Salol as "one of the most valued drugs in the treatment of intestinal affections." Have we a substitute for opium for the relief of pain? Here comes in the American coal-tar products, the first of which, for the relief of pain, stands Antikamnia. Therefore, we conclude that to remove the cause, to render the intestinal canal antiseptic, we have an invaluable remedy in Salol; while to remove accompanying pain, to quiet the nervous system, and to reduce any fever which may be present, we have a remedy equally efficacious in Antikamnia; *an ideal combination for the treatment of this large class of diseases, and we may specially cite Typhoid Fever.* These two drugs are put up in tablet form, called "Antikamnia and Salol Tablets," each tablet containing two and one-half grains of Antikamnia and two and one-half grains of Salol.

#### NEW WORK ON CONSUMPTION.

A new work under the title of "CONSUMPTION—ITS NATURE, CAUSES AND PREVENTION," over 340 pages, with illustrations, is announced, to be soon issued by William Briggs, the Toronto publisher. The prevention of this prevalent and most fatal disease is a subject of the greatest importance. Too many works on it can hardly be published. The author of this one is Edward Playter, M. D., author of "Playter's Physiology and Hygiene" (authorized for teachers), and a number of pamphlets and papers on Consumption, and for twenty years editor of the *Canada Health Journal*. He has himself made some special investigations relating to the causes of consumption, and during a practice of over a quarter of a century given special attention to the subject. The following indicates the heads and sub-heads under which some of the preventive measures are treated: Pure air, soil, dwellings, bed-rooms, respiratory exercises, sitting and lying out-doors, occupation, preventing "colds," words to parents, marrying, state measures, public instruction, drainage, better inspections, sanitarium, with chapters on climatology, and a short one on the climate of northern New York, Vermont and Canada.

#### NOVEMBER LITERARY NOTE.

A complete and immediate revolution of transportation methods, involving a reduction of freight charges on grain from the West to New York of from 50 to 60 per cent., is what is predicted in the November *Cosmopolitan*. The plan proposes using light and inexpensive corrugated iron cylinders, hung on a slight rail supported on poles from a cross-arm—the whole system involving an expense of not more than fifteen hundred dollars a mile for construction. The rolling stock is equally simple and comparatively inexpensive. Continuous lines of cylinders, moving with no interval to speak of, would carry more grain in a day than a quadruple track railway. This would constitute a sort of grain-pipe line. *The Cosmopolitan* also points out the probable abolition of street cars before the coming horseless carriage, which can be operated by a boy on asphalt pavements, at a total expense for labor, oil, and interest, of not more than one dollar a day.

#### PLANS FOR A \$3,500 DWELLING.

Architect W. L. Price contributes to *The Ladies' Home Journal* for Dec. the first of a series of articles illustrated with perspective interior views and working plans upon moderate-sized homes. He describes the construction of a dwelling to cost \$3,500; presents word and pen pictures of the interior, and has this to say in behalf of builders and architects: "Don't expect your house to be perfect; wood will shrink, plaster will crack more or less, and doors and windows stick; and don't expect them to keep the house in repair. They cannot afford to do more than put it in proper condition when they hand it over to you." Other illustrated articles by leading American and Canadian architects will appear in the *Journal* during the year.