

CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA.

The subjoined is from an American paper. When diphtheria was raging in England a few years ago, I accompanied Dr. Field on his round, to witness the so-styled wonderful cures he performed, while the patients of others dropped off on all sides. He took powdered sulphur with him, and a quill ; and with these he cured every patient. He put a teaspoonful of flour and brimstone into a wine-glass of water, and mixed it with his finger instead of using a spoon, as the sulphur does not readily amalgamate with water. When the sulphur was well mixed, he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. Brimstone kills every species of fungus in man, beast, or plant in a few minutes. Dr. F. desired his patients to swallow this mixture ; in extreme cases, in which the doctor arrived just in the nick of time, when the fungus was too nearly closing to admit of gargling, he blew the sulphur into the throat through a quill, and so soon as the fungus had shrunk sufficiently to admit of it, he administered the gargle. If the patient cannot gargle, a live coal should be taken, and put on a shovel ; a spoonful or two at a time of the flour of brimstone should be sprinkled on it ; if the sufferer hold his head over this, and inhale the brimstone, the fungus will die. If plentifully used, the room may be filled with the sulphur, almost to suffocation, and the patient will be able to walk about in it. This mode of fumigating a room has often cured violent colds in the head, chest, etc., and is also recommended in cases of consumption and asthma. Possibly the goose-quills of England may be differently formed to those of the Canadian geese, or the sulphur may be of a different quality, and probably Dr. Field had a head on his shoulders.

The German scientist Koch disputes Pasteur's application of the microbuis system, as he claims that the microbuis of smallpox and scrofula are identical, consequently vaccination is a dangerous experiment. Dr. Koch's words have aroused a strong feeling of opposition to compulsory vaccination laws in Germany.

MILK AS MEDICINE.

Its curative properties for Bright's Disease, for Typhoid and other Fevers.

General Robert C. Schenck, ex-minister to England, instead of being decrepit as has been represented in the papers, appears to be in good physical condition. He has stated that he had been about given up some months ago as incurable with Bright's disease, when his physician told him to use skimmed milk as his only diet. He says—"I tackled the skimmed milk, stuck to it, and here I am, almost a new man. I believe that skimmed milk is a specific for Bright's disease." Surgeon-General Barnes, when in Virginia, heard of an allopathic physician who never failed to cure typhoid fever. As there were many in the United States army, dying with that disease. General Barnes called on the doctor in order to ascertain how he treated his typhoid patients ; the doctor informed the General that it was "the simplest thing in the world," and proceeded to tell him that all that was necessary was to get that sufferer's stomach and bowels in good order, and then *fill them up with butter-milk*; and keep them filled with that alone. The doctor added—"I never lose a patient if he isn't in a collapsed condition when I am called." Surgeon General Barnes states that he adopted the buttermilk treatment for the soldiers, and found it most efficacious. Some ten years ago, the Medical Societies of France and Russia compared notes as to the use of milk in the treatment of their typhoid patients, and they agreed that it is not only of wonderful efficacy in cases of typhoid fever,