

*From Abroad.*

Dr. Friedreich F. Friedmann, of Berlin, is advocating the injection of living tubercle bacilli, which have been rendered benevolent, as a cure for tuberculosis. He claims to have treated many cases with invariable success by this method.

On the 1st of October the law in the United States went into operation forbidding the importation or manufacture of liquors containing absinthe. The evil effects of drinking the "green liquor" in France have become so great that the United States has taken a forward step in preventive legislation. She is to be congratulated. Belgium, Brazil and Switzerland have passed prohibitive laws regarding the importation or manufacture of the drug.

On 27th October more than 50,000 pulpits discussed some aspect of tuberculosis. Methods of fighting the white plague were outlined. Special attention was devoted by many of the speakers to the many fraudulent and worthless "cures" that were on the market. Such work as this is bound to have an excellent effect.

The judge in Milwaukee appointed five alienists to report on the mental condition of John Schrank, who shot and wounded Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Their opinion is to be final on the subject of his sanity or the reverse.

Dr. Odinn, of Paris, claims to have discovered a serum that has been successful in a number of cases of cancer. The Academy of Science, the Academy of Medicine, and the Society of Biology have so far refused to investigate the merits of the treatment. Dr. Odin states that he will keep the preparation a secret until his methods are perfected.

So far France has made little or no effort to restrain the importation and manufacture of absinthe, which has become such a national evil through its widespread consumption.

Dr. W. T. Cocking, honorary physician to the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, and emeritus professor of therapeutics in the Sheffield University, died on 17th October, at the age of 50.

The storm still rages in Britain between the doctors and the Government. The latter has agreed to increase the pay to the medical profession, and the latter appears to be quite determined to reject the new offer as not satisfactory.

In very remote times the Chinese knew of the use of lenses, and a plano-convex rock crystal has been found in the ruins of Nineveh. The use of lenses for eye glasses came in in the 15th century among Oriental races.

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