

has commended itself by large experience. Instead of giving the Vichy one day and the Kissingen the next, I order the Vichy for two successive days, a glass after each meal, then the Kissingen for one day, the Vichy for the fourth, the Kissingen for the fifth and sixth, the Vichy for the seventh, the Kissingen for the eighth and ninth, and so on. This plan of treatment leaves nothing to be desired. It is well nigh specific. The rationale is apparent. The water may be taken at the fountain, or the granular or effervescing salt post-prandially.

It is also indispensable that during the course of mineral water the patient should take before each meal ten drops of eucalyptol, preferably the Australian or Sander eucalyptol. We are, perhaps, too over-confident in this year of grace, but if the patient is in earnest in getting rid of "that nose," the eucalyptol will accomplish it, he meanwhile taking the waters in lieu of his alcoholic beverage. The eucalyptol acts on the abused tissues, and the waters correct the depravity in appetite.

Selected Articles.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE EPIDEMIC OF ENTERIC FEVER AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

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(To the Editor of the British Medical Journal.)

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DEAR SIR,—You were good enough to suggest when I left England that I should send you some notes upon any points which might strike me. The pressure of work has prevented me from complying with your request, and even now I feel that you will find these comments of a very scrappy character.

When the nation sums up its debt of gratitude to the men who have spent themselves in this war I fear that they will almost certainly ignore those who have done the hardest and the most essential work. There are three classes, as it