

One great advantage which this system appears to possess is that of absolute independence of the care (?) of householders and servants; doing its work in spite of negligence or interference. If the system proves to be as perfect as its advocates claim that it is, it certainly ought soon every where to take the place of the water-carriage system.

AN UNUSUAL DISEASE.—A large number of cases of unusual sickness are reported as having occurred at and near four villages situated on the banks of the river Raisin, Mich. Generally, before the attack, the patients complained for about twenty-four hours of being tired and lame, of pain in the back of the head and down the spine. It usually began with a cold stage or chill. A few of the patients were attacked as suddenly as if knocked down. Vomiting was a prominent symptom before and after the cold stage. About one half of the patients were rational during the course of the disease, while some had violent delirium from the commencement. There was great tenderness of the body, especially over the deep nerves given off from the spinal column. In many cases the head was thrown back, sometimes to one side. The eyes in some cases were effected with squint, and the pupils were usually dilated, with loss of power to wink. In many cases copper-colored spots appeared on the body. Out of 77 cases 25 proved fatal, and eleven of these died on or before the fourth day of the disease. The water of the river Raisin is quite turbid, and an odor arises from it as it pours over mill-dams at the villages. One of the villages is on the site of an old Indian burying-ground, and the best water to be obtained was contaminated with the results of animal decomposition, and, as is suggested, might properly be labelled grave-yard juice.

THE AUTHORITIES of the city of Vienna have decided to establish in the cemetery the necessary apparatus for cremation, for the use of those who prefer this method of disposing of the bodies of their deceased friends.