

The putrid matter penetrated the soil and infected an underground spring situated a few meters from the surface. The waters of this spring, carried away by pipes, supplied the wants of one half the neighboring town.

What was the result? the germs of a terrible sickness were carried by the water into the town and with it into the dwellings: An epidemic, typhoid fever, broke out, a thousand persons were stricken with the disease, and about one hundred died.

Such may be the frightful results of what seems to be very pardonable negligence.

PROVERBS AND GEMS OF THOUGHT.

God gives us a long life: 'tis we who shorten it.

The true secret of prolonging life, is not to shorten it ourselves.

Sauces, sweetmeats and dainty dishes are profitable to the physician alone.

Scarcity of water engenders an abundance of ills.

There is nothing which men love better to preserve and nothing they spare less than their own lives.