

EFFECT OF GAS ON FABRICS.—Dr. William Wallace, of Glasgow, by a series of experiments has determined that the sulphuric acid left in the air by the combustion of coal gas is a great cause of the destruction of the color of cotton goods. Even the fabric itself is often rendered so tender by the destructive action of the acid as to be utterly useless. It is on this account that it is deemed by our best authorities very injurious to people with very sensitive lungs to inhale air which has been poisoned and rendered irritating by the combustion of coal gas. If the use of the gas is unavoidable, the most thorough ventilation should be secured.

VACCINATION will not prove successful in a patient who, at the time, is under the influence of arsenic, says an English health-officer, Dr. E. J. Syson, quoted by Dr. E. M. Hunt, *Medical Record*, March 9th. (*The Proceedings*.) “The Antecedent Treatment of those Exposed to Zymotic Diseases.” He suggests that other remedial agents, especially those classified as azymotics, will also cause the failure of a properly formed vaccination. This hint opens the door to a wide field of investigation.

The human lungs reverberate sometimes with great velocity.
When windy individuals indulge in much verbosity.
They have to twirl the glottis sixty thousand times a minute,
And push and punch the diaphragm as though the deuce were
in it.

Chorus :—The pharynx now goes up, the larynx with a slam
Ejects a note from out the throat, pushed by the
diaphragm.

CAUSE OF DIPHTHERIA.—It was found (*Health Reformer*,) upon examination of two hundred houses in Boston where there had been cases of diphtheria, that the disease was in every case preceded by derangement of the waste pipes, so that there was an escape of sewer gas, laden with disease germs.

AMBIGUOUS—The recently-published report of an Irish benevolent society contains the following ambiguous paragraph : Notwithstanding the large amount paid for medicine and medical attendance, very few deaths occurred during the year.

BILLS WILL BE sent with this number to those in arrears, and we hope friends of the **JOURNAL** will not forget that it is near Christmas times, when all accounts should be “squared up” and that they will kindly, by promptly remitting the amount, save the necessity and trouble of sending the accounts again ; for it involves considerable trouble and expense.