

four or even five days, the occurrence of signs of local inflammation, extending over a varying portion of one or both lungs, clears up the doubt, yet at first a certain diagnosis has been impossible.

**BUTTERINE VS. BUTTER.**—There is a good deal of butterine made and sold in Europe (*Scientific American*) and there, as here, people seem to have little apprehension how extensively it is used. The *Farmer's Gazette*, of Dublin, publishes a statement showing how difficult it is for ordinary judges to tell butter from butterine. Some fine Normandy butter, costing 48 cents a pound, and a sample of butterine, bought of a local retailer for 22 cents a pound, were submitted to a jury of nineteen farmers, who tasted and examined both samples. Ten out of these nineteen judges declared the butterine to be the butter. The makers of butterine in this country use all the way from 60 to 85 parts of neutral lard to 40 and 15 parts of good butter respectively, in making butterine. These are thoroughly mixed, salted, and coloured a golden yellow, and the tubs are branded with fancy names as from country creameries. It is said an infallible test is to melt the butterine and then suddenly chill it by surrounding it with cracked ice, when the lard goes to the bottom and the butter to the top, the line of separation being plainly visible.

**WHEN NEAR THE END** of his life an English physician said: "I have now but one remedy for fifty diseases, whereas, at the beginning of my practice I had fifty remedies for each disease."

**CHEAP BURGLAR ALARM.**—(*Detroit News*) Drive a headless nail into the casing over any door, and after closing the door, or it need not be tightly closed, hang a tin pan on the nail when you go to bed. If you are timid and want a cheap burglar alarm do this. It will work every time.

**AS SPRING COMES IN** do not leave off warm clothing too early or too suddenly. Much better and safer to be a little too warm—better to suffer from heat—being careful to cool off slowly—than to be cold and chilly for want of sufficient clothing.

Do not let the fires out in furnaces, hall stoves, &c., too soon. A little extra coal will be more than repaid in the health and vigor obtained by letting in more fully the fresh outer air through open windows or doors.

Have any and all accumulations of filth, refuse of kitchen, slops, &c., removed far away from the dwelling early before decomposition commences and gives rise to perhaps serious disease.

**THE GREAT DIO LEWIS**, of Dio Lewis' Monthly, ought to know better than to allow his picture to head a patent medicine advertisement in order to puff it, and to commend as he does a sort of cure-all in the lay press; but it appears he does not. It is the mark of a quack.

**THE USE OF PATENT MEDICINES** is enormous, and their sale will soon require restriction, as well as does the sale of alcoholic spirits. They do a vast amount of harm and lead often to intemperance in the use of spirits.

**THE EMPEROR OF CHINA**, it is recorded, inquired of Sir George Staunton about the manner in which physicians were paid in England. When he was made to understand the custom, he exclaimed—"Can any man in England afford to be ill? Now I have four physicians and pay all of them a weekly salary; but the moment I am sick that salary is stopped, and until I am well again; therefore, my indisposition is never of long duration.

**THE SAFEST** and cheapest sugar for any one to use is pure loaf sugar. It is the sweetest and most economical.