

**SYPHILIS FROM VACCINATION.**—In the House of Commons, June 7, Sir C. Dilke, in reply to a question by Sir Lyon Playfair, said it was true that one of the officers of the Local Government Board had, while investigating the conditions under which syphilis could be transmitted through vaccination, infected himself with syphilis.

**ELEPHANT'S MILK.**—According to Dr. Charles Doremus, the milk of the elephant is the richest that he has ever examined. It contains less water and more butter and sugar than any other, and has a very agreeable taste and odour.

**THE RUBBER PLANT.**—Mexico is making a study of the culture of the rubber plant. The hardiness of the plant is such that its culture is exceedingly simple where the climate and soil are suitable.

**THE GREAT PERFUMER** Rimmel has now given to the public a "natural air purifier" which produces the healthy emanations of the pine and eucalyptus, a most agreeable deodorizer and disinfectant.

**POOR DARWIN** felt that his theory was incomplete because he had not discovered the missing link. An exchange has it, had he lived a little longer he might have seen a dude, and died happy.

**IT IS PROPOSED** to use pure, liquefied carbonic acid to impregnate carbonated beverages, as the purest and best method of preparation of these. The *Scientific American* suggests the solidified acid.

**STRYCHNIA** is said to be to alcoholism what mercury and iodide of potassium are to syphilis; administered by subcutaneous injection, not more than a centigramme at once.

**FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PLUMBERS** arrangements have been made in San Francisco. A board of examiners appointed by the board of health are to examine all applicants for registration.

**AT A RECENT MEETING** of the Paris biological society it was stated by Mr. Galippe that all cereals—wheat, oats, rye, barley, contain traces of copper.

**SIR WILLIAM THOMSON** follows Dr. Thomas Reed in ascribing to man six senses instead of five, namely, the sense of force, of heat, of sound, of light, of taste, and of smell.

**IN THE NEXT NUMBER** of the JOURNAL will be articles on Hygienic Management of Children, Disposal of Excreta in Towns and Cities, Bacilli, Temptations and Temperance, Mistakes in Education (not room for in this) and other topics.