

understood here. We have recently examined, carefully, some pipe manufactured by the "Campbell Sewer Pipe Co." of Hamilton, which seemed in every respect equal to Scotch pipe—hard, clear and perfectly impervious. If all the Company make are equal to the lot we examined, we can confidently recommend them.

IN the next number of the JOURNAL we propose to give some notes on physiognomy, the language of the nose, hands, etc.

IGNORANT tribes in Central Africa habitually boil the water they drink. So common is the custom among them that to drink unboiled water is considered very reckless.

DRAINING dishes, placed on their edge, instead of wiping them, is recommended by "Grandmother," in "Good Health," as an easy and hygienic process.

"NO SMOKING allowed" should be put up on the street corners as well as in the street and other cars, shops, factories, etc. Although it might interfere with the ungentlemanly practice of some dudes or semi-dudes who "puff" tobacco smoke on the sidewalk.

WHISKEY and tobacco are the two chief curses of this nineteenth-century age; and one of the ordinances of this JOURNAL shall be that, whiskey and tobacco "must go."

MILK AND PHTHISIS. In a paper read at the recent meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Medical Officers of Health, Dr. Mason of Hull expressed the opinion that milk which had been obtained from cows affected with tuberculosis would convey consumption if supplied to human beings. The President said it was very important that tuberculosis should be included in the list of contagious diseases by the Privy Council, as consumption, which in his opinion was preventable, destroyed more people in a year than all the other contagious diseases put together.

THE TELEPHONE as a source of blood contamination and even infection is properly receiving attention. The British Medical Journal was we believe the first to point out the danger in cities of infection arising from the promiscuous use of the mouth-piece of a public telephone by numbers of persons and recommends that the mouth-piece be disinfected every time it is used to

prevent accidents. In the contact of the breath with the diaphragm in speaking, a deposit of animal matter lodges and accumulates upon the parts, and forms a most suitable nidus for the development of germs, infections or otherwise. The only perfect safety is in having the mouthpiece frequently well cleaned and disinfected, as by a one per cent. solution of carbolic acid.

IN Göttingen, Germany, an important progress in school hygiene has been made by the institution of warm baths at a new school-house. It has been found that by far the greater part of the pupils never brought their body, with the exception of hands and face, into contact with water throughout the year. The baths are given gratuitously during school time on four days of every second week. The results have been most satisfactory. Whilst in the beginning but a few children availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them, they soon began to like bathing very much, and after a short time there remained not a single child that would shirk bathing. Not only did the children improve rapidly in appearance and health, but they also showed an increased freshness of mind and zeal for learning after the bath. The good example set by Göttingen is about to be followed in Berlin, Breslau, Magdeburg and other cities. It would indeed be well if the practice were universal. The unpleasant odor in most of the public schools in Canada is strongly indicative that the practice is as essential in this country as it is in Germany.

A Temperance Employment Bureau has been established in New York City.

IN "POPULAR SCIENCE," Dr. W. C. Gouinlock (of Warsaw, N. Y. State, an old subscriber to this JOURNAL), says that he believes the common form of baldness is due entirely to the kind of hat that is worn, principally to the high hat and the hard felt hat, but also to any other head-covering that constricts the blood vessels which nourish the hair-bulbs.

THE Executive Committee of the Sixth International Health Congress, to be convened at Vienna, September 26, 1887, has already issued its preliminary programme. The Congress is under the patronage of the Hereditary Prince of Austria.