

BLIND USE OF DRUGS.

Heads of families, who are in the habit of indiscriminately using patent medicines for all sorts of affections and all ages, should be warned of the disastrous effects which sometimes result from the ignorant administration of drugs, valuable in themselves and when given under proper medical advice, by the facts elicited at a recent inquest before Mr. Bedford. A child, aged six months, suffering from diarrhœa was given a dose of chlorodyne by her father. Death soon after ensued. Although, after a post-mortem examination, an opinion was given that diarrhœa was the cause of death, it is easily conceivable that a very small dose indeed of the preparation would prove fatal to a baby. Chlorodyne contains opium, chloroform, and prussic-acid, ingredients that should teach any one the risk of giving it to children under a certain age.—*The Lancet*.

 Editorial Notices and Answers to Correspondents.

The Editor begs to state that he will be happy to receive any communications on the following subjects, and others allied to Hygiene: Water supply, drainage, ventilation, building, adulteration of food, &c., warming, clothing, education, manufactories and their influences on health, scavenging; also, Public Health Reports from Canada, United States, or any part of the world.

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ERRATUM: At page 69, line 6 from bottom, for "neutralize" read "centralize."