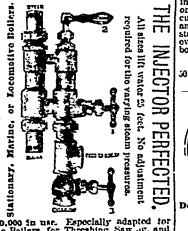
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The first National Apple Congress was opened recently in the great conservatory of the Royal Horticultural Gardens, Chiswick. The only object of the congress is the nomenclature of apples, and no prizes are offered for the exhibits. The exhibitors represent every county in Great B itain and Ireland, and dishes of apples have also been sent from Sweden and Jersey. There is altogether a display of 7,000 dishes, representing 10,000 different sorts of apples; and it is the task of the judges to determine the number of varieties sent, and to classify them. The county of Kent is the largest contributor, and is followed by Herts, Middlesex, Hereford and Oxford. The Queen has on exhibition the large contribution of 167 varieties, which have been grown in the royal gardens. The congress is thoroughly educational. The first National Apple Congress was educational.

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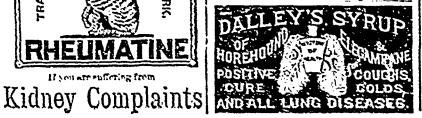
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