

MANAGEMENT IN POISONING BY COAL GAS.—In a report by Dr. Gilbert Smith, on poisoning by coal gas, he says :—As to treatment we are still ignorant, except on a few obvious points. Exposure to fresh air and warmth to the surface is alone sufficient in many cases. Artificial respiration, where necessary, has been used with success. Cold effusions, to the head, ammonia rubbed over the chest, turpentine enema, have all been tried with varying results. Hot strong coffee has certainly seemed quickly beneficial, and poultice to the cardiac region has had at once a good effect.

So long as 800 years ago, in the time of Richard II., an ordinance was enacted forbidding the pollution of rivers, drains, &c. ; another in the reign of Edward II., against selling ‘muzzled swine-flesh,’ &c. ; and in the reign of Henry VI., Henry VII., and Elizabeth, for the inspection and cleansing of sewers, against the slaughtering of cattle in towns, and against the overcrowding of dwellings.

HAYDON, the grand historical painter, said :—‘The greatest curse to society is the delicate irritability of medical men. Many a wife, many a mother, many a child, and many a sweet girl, have been sacrificed from the apprehension of the relatives to offend the medical attendant by hinting at a wish for further advice. Never hesitate ; it is better to offend your medical man than risk a loss of life.’

AN increased prevalence of trichiniasis is, says *The Farmer*, noticed among swine in Saxony. An opinion long entertained that its extension was in a great measure due to rats is said to have been fully justified by recent investigations, which have shown the disease to be widely spread among this troublesome vermin.

THE FRENCH SOCIETY for Suppressing the Abuse of Tobacco has prepared a petition to be presented to Parliament, asking them to prohibit youths under sixteen from using the weed in public places. Better to have named *sixty* as the age.

AT the annual meeting of the Jewish Board of Guardians, the report of the medical officer showed the remarkable immunity of the Jewish poor, even in the most crowded and unhealthy neighbourhoods, from the small-pox epidemic.

A **MAN** from the Western frontier took a warm bath in Omaha the other day, and died within an hour. The coroner’s jury after a careful investigation, returned a verdict that ‘The deceased came to his death from to sudden and unnatural cleanliness.’

ACCORDING to Sir Jas. Wylie in the dark side of an extensive barrack at St. Petersburg the cases of disease have, for many years, been uniformly in the proportion of three to one to those on the side exposed to strong light.

THE LOCAL BOARD of Barnard Castle are discountenancing plans of all new buildings upon which are shown water-closets. They uniformly recommend earth closets.