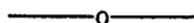


IN an article on the filtration of the public water, by Dr. J. Baker Edwards, which will be found in another place, he puts the importance of the subject before us in a most lucid manner. He says that by adopting the Liverpool district plan in Montreal, of which filtration is the first element, it would "1stly. *Double the available supply*, 2ndly. *Afford, also, a spare head of water for flushing sewers and cleansing streets*; 3rdly. *Improve the sanitary condition of the city by the supply of filtered water*, and thus guard against prevailing endemic and threatened epidemic disease, reduce the rate of infant mortality, and promote the general health and sobriety of the citizens at large." As we can not hope to have this great improvement for some little time yet, it behoves us to protect ourselves to the best of our ability, and we advise all our readers most earnestly to procure a house filter without delay. There is no means of purification equal to a good filter. The silicated carbon filters entirely deprive water of organic impurity, and are so constructed as to prevent the passage of the most minute bodies. Water passed through them is for all practical purposes as pure as can be.



DISGRACEFUL.—We were called to see a patient last week in St. Andre street, suffering from all the symptoms of an impending fever, and we enquired if she had been exposed to the contagion of small-pox. She related the following outrageous particulars: On the 1st of May, she, with her husband and four children, moved to the new tenement house they were at present occupying. After they had been located for forty-eight hours, and got all the furniture and carpets in, a neighbor called to see them, who lived on the same flat, having a common stairway between them. Having entered into conversation, he coolly remarked he was glad they were come, for it was very lonely for him to sit in a sick room all day, mentioning that he was nursing his wife and two children with small-pox. When they found this out, the husband ordered him out of his apartment and locked the door, immediately procured disinfecting powder, and used everything in his power to prevent infection to his own family, using for himself the back yard stair for ingress and egress. When he taxed the landlord with his shameful conduct in allow-