

weak carbolic acid sponged on the skin and hair, and in some cases the clothing, will drive away the whole tribe. The safest plan is to keep a saturated solution of the acid; which can not contain more than six or seven per cent. This may be added to water until the latter smells strongly. This may readily and with perfect safety be applied with either a sponge or an atomizer, and sprinkled on curtains, bedding, &c. No doubt that horses and cattle may be protected in the same way.

A SWISS CURE FOR A FRESH COLD is given in the N. Y. Medical Journal, as follows: In-to a jug half filled with boiling water put a drachm of powdered camphor; over it place a funnel shaped paper from which the apex has been torn off so as to admit the nose. The camphorated steam may thus be drawn in through the nares for ten or fifteen minutes. Any coryza, it is maintained, however severe, will yield to three such applications.

FOR LEAKY DRAINS, an exchange notes a variation of a well-known pepperment test. An infusion of valerian poured down the vent-pipe, and a cat given the run of the rooms and passages where any escape might reach. Pussy located three leaks and came near uncovering them, too, in her eagerness to reach the source of the, to her, attractive odor.

VACCINATION during the incubation period of smallpox has given, it is reported, gratifying results, preventing or greatly modifying the eruption. The contrary view is unsupported by facts and not tenable, says the N. Y. Medical times.

BOILS and felons are said to be alloried in twenty-four hours by the application of a thick layer of ointment of nitrate of mercury, covering the whole with adhesive plaster. The risk of any constitutional effect would be so slight as to be hardly worth considering.

BOILED MILK has a flavor that many people do not like, but use usually soon creates a liking for it. It is said that every morning, when the German housewife receives her quart of milk, she immediately places it over the fire and brings it to a brisk boil.

AN Albany doctor asserts that he has never seen a case of cancer among the Hebrews, which circumstance he attributes to the fact that these people abstain from the use of pork. Rather we judge it may be attributed to their general hygienic habits. Is cancer common among that large class of lumbering and laboring people who eat a great deal of pork? We think not, but rare; and more common in those whose diet is more luxurious.

A CASE is reported (American Lancet) in which three hostlers have died from glanders contracted from a horse suffering with the disease, although the nature of the malady in the horse was not discovered until after its death.

IN SELECTING GARDEN SEEDS, we would advise our readers to ask for "Vicks Seeds." With us they never fail. We have grown now for a number of years in our garden, most delicious corn and peas, the corn continuing greer for ten weeks in succession, by planting three sorts, and we always use Vicks seeds. His flower seeds, too, have in our hands proved very successful.

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE

IN THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for April, that most fascinating and inspiring branch of science, the study of the human mind, receives chief attention. The number opens with a paper on "The Psychology of Spiritualism," by Prof. Joseph Jastrow, who, besides relating enough cases to convince almost any one that spiritualistic manifestations are nothing but fraud and delusion, also explains how the human mind allows itself to be so grossly deceived as it is in the dupes of the mediums. In "Science and 'Christian Science'" Mr. F. A. Fernald gives a judical view of the mind-cure, reaching the conclusion that this scheme of healing contains a little valuable truth hidden in a large mass of error.

IN THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, some very good things have been recently given in Our Note Book. We obtain from this admirable weekly, much valuable, general information, besides the attractive and instructive illustrations. The wonder is, how such a weekly can be published at so low a price.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE for April is truly a "Centennial Number," which must be highly interesting to all on the other side of the lakes, our readers amongst others, while many in Canada will doubtless be much interested in the many historical features it presents. Other good parts are "The Russian Police;" "Italian Old Masters;" "A Jest of Faith;" and "Sixty and Six; or a Fountain of Youth."

ST. NICHOLAS for May has just reached our table. It is a true "May" number, and "The Brownies" have commenced work in the "Brownies' Garden." It is a very good number and the funny parts are, besides the above named, "Cuff the orphan Bear Cub," and "A Lost Opportunity."