



## News of the Month



### BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM

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"THE AMERICAN FLORIST" calls attention to the efficacy of flowers in cheering up the sick and thus aiding in their recovery. It cites the Battle Creek Sanitarium, at Battle Creek, Mich., as carrying out this idea most specifically. Here, physicians actually prescribe flowers for patients, just as they would order massage or an application of electricity. After an operation, or if a sick person feels particularly depressed in spirits, a blooming plant or a vase of flowers is sent to his or her room, and the effect is often pronounced. Of course, women are more susceptible to this influence than men, but some of the male invalids take a surprising lot of comfort from this "medicine." No charge whatever is made for these gifts.

Several large greenhouses supply the blooms in winter, while, in summer, flowers are raised on a large scale. Perhaps 10,000 dozen asters are given away each season, not to mention bushel-baskets of sweet peas and blossoms from scores of other kinds of flowers. A big palm garden forms a pleasant lounging place in the cold days.

The Sanitarium this year has laid out a Burbank garden, devoted especially to the wonderful floral productions of the noted Californian. Some of the gladiolus bulbs cost \$50 a dozen—which is just one hundred times as much as the price of ordinary specimens.

### HISTORICAL MEDICAL MUSEUM FOR LONDON

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THE ceremony of opening the Historical Medical Museum organized by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome was performed on June 24th by Dr. Norman Moore, President of the Section History of Medicine of the forthcoming International Medical Congress, and the new institution received the benediction of Sir Thomas Barlow,