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CHLORAL IN WHOOPING COUGH .-- Dr. C. H. Smith reports that in two hundred cases treated with chloral, he has in every case noticed a marked alleviation of the symp toms and shortening of the period of the disease. Only one case lasted seven weeks, and the majority of the cases were well in from two to six weeks. No other remedy was given.-N. Y. Medical Journal.

HOME PUDDING .- One quart of milk, HOME FUDDING.---One quart of milk, four eggs, beaten separately; eight table-spoonfuls flour, wet with milk, little salt, four tablespoonfuls baking-powder, one-half cup-ful sugar. Bake in greased pan 35 minutes. Sauce for home pudding: One-half pint milk, three tablespoonfuls sugar, one table-meanful butter one small tablespoonful spoonful butter, one small tablespoonful four; heat milk boiling hot, and mix sugar, butter, and flour, previously well beaten together, into it. Flavour with vanilla.

together, into it. Flavour with vanilla. STAIR CARPETS.—Stair carpets should always have a slip of paper put under them, at and over the edge of every stair, which is the part where they wear first, in order to lessen the friction of the carpet against the boards beneath. The strips should be with-in an inch or two as long as the carpet is wide, and about four or five inches in breadth. A piece of old carpet answers bet-ter than paper if you have it. This plan will keep a stair carpet in good condition for a much longer time than without it. DISINFECTANTS AND DEODORIZERS.—

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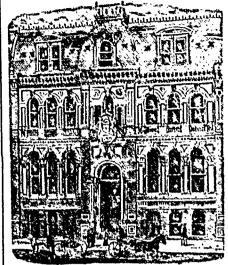
SPURIOUS WINES. - The Journal de Thann has the following curious communi-cation with regard to the consumption of "made-up" wines from one of its readers at Cernay, which might be easily mutched in this country: "The consumption in Alsace of spurious wines is almost beyond belief. A portion comes from Offenburg, in Baden, portion comes from Onenourg, in Baden, where there are three manufactories one of them alone sending out 3000 measures a week at the price of 18 to 22 teichmarks (18 or 20s.) per 150 litres. These compounds from water, 'Rornschops,' and sugar are greenish-coloured like our genuine Alsacian wines. A decoction of Hungarian hops is added to the above ingredients, and, at the end of a week or so fermentation sets in and of a week or so, fermentation sets in, and after undergoing two or three 'finings' the mix-ture is ready for sale. Though possessing no fruity flavour whatever, this 'wine' is not disagreeable to the palate. After one has drunk, however, a certain quantity, the throat becomes dry, the lips stick together, and very frequently headaches, diarrhœa and general weakness are experienced. If exposed to the air for a few hours, the wine becomes black."

THE ICE-HOUSE .- With due respect to the painted and patented contrivances of "fancy farmers," it may be said that ice can be kept for one or more years in a cheap board shed, strong and tight enough to keep out the rain and keep in the sawdust. A large body of ice keeps better than a small body. If you put in less than twenty tons, expect to fall short before the summer is over. This amount of ice will measure 800 cubic feet. In calculating the size of the house, allow about forty cubic feet for each ton. The sawdust about the ice should be at least eighteen inches thick. Unless some local vause raises the temperature about the ice-house, double walls are not necessary. It is a great advantage to have it well shaded. In packing, be sure that the cakes are sawed square. First, throw in broken stone on the bottom to the depth of eight or more inches, and then cover well with sawdust. Build up the ice compactly, leaving a space of eighteen inches all around to be filled with sawunst. In the Spring examine the ice carefully to see that there are no air-holes. This is done by tramping the sawdust and putting in more. If straw is used, fully two feet should be left about the ice. Have no part of the ice-house under ground. No venulation is required, except at the top, over the ace.

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