

The Hunyadi János water is a moderately mild purgative, and has the very great advantage of being administered in comparatively small quantity. Its taste is not disagreeable, being saline with a slight bitterness. All these are advantages which cannot be overlooked when comparing it with other purgative waters which have already been brought to the notice of the profession. Its action is speedy, and is unattended, except in an odd case, with any griping. To persons who may require a periodical aperient we know of none better. It deserves to be very largely used by the profession throughout the Dominion.

The Apollinaris Water is indeed the queen of table waters. It is a natural effervescent mineral water, being bottled directly at the spring near Neuenhar, Prussia. In weak stomachs and in cases of prolonged illness, the refreshing effects of Apollinaris we have seen well marked again and again. It is said to be useful in dyspepsia, rheumatism and biliary calculi. Both these waters can be obtained from any druggist, first-class grocer, or wine merchant.

It is generally known to the medical profession and those interested in bibliography that Dr. John S. Billings, Surg., U. S. A., in charge of the National Medical Library at Washington, is now ready to print his great "National Catalogue of Medical Literature," as soon as Congress grants an appropriation for the purpose. This indexes under subjects, and by authors, books, pamphlets and original papers in nearly all the medical periodicals of the world; including over 400,000 subject entries, and making ten volumes royal 8vo of 1000 pages each. This will be of the greatest value to physicians the world over, as it enables them to find analogues for peculiar and difficult cases, and thus often to save lives. In continuation of this work, it is now proposed to publish monthly, under the editorship of Dr. Billings and of his assistant, Dr. Robert Fletcher, M.R.C.S., a current medical bibliography under the title of the *Index Medicus*. It will be issued by F. Leypoldt, the bibliographic publisher, 37 Park Row, New York, at \$3 per year, and will enter all medical books and index the leading medical journals and transactions in English and other languages. A full list of the latter, numbering over 600, will form a part of the specimen number of the *Index*, soon to be issued.

SCRIBNER FOR JANUARY.

The January *Scribner* has a decided flavor of good cheer. "The Tile Club at Work," by W. M. Laffan, describes the methods of an association of artists and others whose work speaks for itself in the illustrations, which include drawings by E. A. Abbey, (a tiled mantle-piece), W. M. Chase, Hopkinson Smith, Winslow Homer, Alden Weir, Reinhart, Quartley, Wimbridge, Laffan, and Paris, and a tile in relief by O'Donovan, the sculptor. A companion paper, "The Tile Club at Play," is to appear in the midwinter number, with a large variety of illustrations.

The serious side of the holiday season is touched upon in a paper on "Leonardo da Vinci," by Clarence Cook. Among the cuts are two important blocks by Cole: the well-known "Last Supper," and the "Head of Christ," supposed to be a study for its central figure. The "Mona Lisa," by Henry Marsh, is considered to be one of his finest blocks. Detail drawings of the "Last Supper" are given for purposes of comparison with Raphael's "Last Supper" which is also reproduced in whole and in detail. A number of other pictures, drawings of inventions, caricatures, etc., appear through the text. The paper is of a critical-biographical character, and is the first of several by Mr. Cook on the Old Masters. There is also a Christmas ballad, "Biorn the Bold," by Constantina E. Brooks, with a large drawing by Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote, which opens the number.

Of the unillustrated matter there are two stories: "Century Plants," by Miss Isabella T. Hopkins, light and fanciful; and "Ninon," by Miss Annie Porter, a pathetic story of New Orleans. The sixth instalment of Boyesen's "Falconberg"; papers on "College Hazing," by C. F. Thwing; and "The Amendment to the Patent Law," by the Secretary of the Western R. R. Association: and Mr. Bayard Taylor's "Epicidium," on the death of Bryant,—are also given. Other poetry is by R. R. Bowker, Amanda T. Jones, the late Richard Realf, and R. W. Gilder.

In his department, Dr. Holland discusses "Religion in these Days," "Art as a Steady Diet," and "Popular Despotisms." Mrs. Oakley's "Hints to Young Housekeepers" are continued in "Home and Society," the special