

LANDLORDS AND MANSLAUGHTER.—An inquest was held not long ago in Pantonville, Eng., on the body of a boy, aged eleven years who, it was alleged, had died from enteric fever owing to the unsanitary condition of the house in which he resided. The Coroner said that if he were the Clerkenwell Medical Officer of Health, he should give an order at once to close the house altogether as a place unfit for human habitation. There was no doubt that this death was fairly attributable to unsanitary causes, and it was a question whether the *landlord had not laid himself open to a charge of manslaughter*. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from typhoid or enteric fever, caused by the unsanitary condition of the house in which the deceased had lived."

BACK DRAINAGE v. UNDER-HOUSE DRAINAGE.—This question came under discussion at a recent meeting of the Camberwell vestry, when, the vestry approved of back-drainage as compared with having drains under houses, when circumstances admit of the former system being carried out. Mr. Bailey could not understand any person advising the putting of a drain under a man's house when there was no necessity for it.

LAST WEEK IT WAS PLEADED, unsuccessfully however, at Glasgow, against a charge of selling diluted milk, that the cow that yielded it was suffering from 'water in the head.' On Tuesday a milk-dealer who was fined for selling butter milk adulterated with 30 per cent. of water, put forward as an explanation of the presence of the water that the bung had inadvertently been left out of the barrel during a heavy shower of rain.

THE YEAR 1876 was in Ireland the first for a considerable period in which the natural increase of population, or excess of births over deaths, was not more than counterbalanced by the number of emigrants. The births registered during the year amounted to 140,438, the deaths to 92,499. The estimated population in the middle of the year was 5,321,618.

IN BAVARIA, within the course of twelve months, 39,816 analyses of articles of food were made. Among the articles analysed were 4,727 samples of bread, 9,310 of beer, 9,782 of milk, and 14,506 of meat. Legal proceedings were taken against 272 retail tradesmen, the greater number of whom were convicted and severely punished.

THE *Health Reformer* says, a hot fomentation will do more to relieve the pain, tenderness, and swelling of a bruise than any other means. If the application is made with sufficient promptness after the injury, very little discoloration will occur, even in contusions of the eye.

INFANTS PARADISE.—In the village of Harbottle, Northumberland, no child has died during the last twenty years; a farmer and his three shepherds have between them forty-seven children, and during the past thirty years not a death has occurred in their families.