

matter was added : although a fresh start was made, the plant soon dwindled away and died. Thus it appears that living vegetation acts as a powerful disinfectant, assimilating directly the nitrogenous principles of organic substances.—*Popular Science Monthly for July, 1875.*

DON'T ALWAYS KISS THE BABY.—The promiscuous kissing of children is a pestilential practice. Do you remember calling on your dear friend Mrs. Brown the other day with a strip of flannel round your neck, and when little Flora came dancing into the room, didn't you pounce upon her demonstratively, call her a precious little pet, and kiss her ? Then you serenely proceeded to describe the dreadful sore throat that kept you from prayer-meeting the night before. You had no design on the dear child's life, we know ; nevertheless you killed her ! Killed her as surely as if you had fed her with strychnine or arsenic. Your caresses were fatal. Two or three days after, the little pet began to complain of a sore throat, too. The symptoms grew rapidly alarming ; and when the doctor came, the single word "diphtheria" sufficed to explain them all. To-day a little mound in Greenwood is the sole memento of your visit.

" Evil is wrought by want of thought,
As well as by want of heart."

—*Scientific American.*

HOW TO CLOTHE CHILDREN.—Dr. Ulrich, of Bremen, has been giving some advice on this subject lately. He says the clothes must not be narrow across the chest and shoulders, nor too wide over the back ; the arm-holes should be exactly at the sides, and not, as they too often are, far forward ; the top button of a boy's jacket is frequently much too tight, and drags down the head and neck, while it raises the back and flattens the chest. It is of the first importance, when measuring a child for clothes, to see that the head is high and the chest full.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

WHY ARE BRAIN WORKERS LONG LIVED ?—Dr. Geo. M. Beard, in a recent pamphlet, gives the following reasons for the long life of those who live by brain labor :

- (1) Brain work is inherently and essentially healthy.
- (2) Brain workers have less worry and more comfort and happiness than muscle workers.
- (3) Brain workers live under better sanitary conditions than muscle workers.