

THE Ladies' Health Protective Association, of Beekman Hill, New York, says the *Sanitary Plumber*, which wagged a determined warfare on Michael Kane's manure dumps on the East River, has now undertaken another good work. They have begun an inspection of the tenement houses in the city, and say they are going to use every means to compel landlords to light the halls and furnish water on the upper floors, and are preparing a report on tenements.

THE number of "quack" advertisements found in professedly religious journals is truly astonishing, says the *People's Health Journal*. By allowing such advertisements to appear in their columns these journals do a three-fold injury; the credulous public is imposed upon, because it is supposed, of course, that nothing but the truth would appear in a religious publication. Confidence in scientific medication is diminished; thereby the medical profession is injured. Humbuggery and fraud are encouraged, and consequently honesty and general integrity depreciated. If the proprietors of these journals expect their influence for good to be unlimited, they must guard their advertising columns more closely in this direction. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

PHTHISIS CURABLE AT EVERY STAGE.

—In a review of the English translation of a work by M. Jaccourd, the justly celebrated professor of Medical Pathology to the Faculty of Paris, entitled *Curability of Phthisis, etc.*, it is announced that "the curability of pulmonary phthisis at every stage is now a well established fact," the author's conclusions are as follows: To sum up what has been stated, pulmonary phthisis is curable in all its stages. This is the prolific notion that presides

over the whole history of the disease, and which should unceasingly inspire and direct all medical action. The incurability proclaimed by Laennec and his immediate successors, is disproved by pathological anatomy and clinical observation. None should, therefore, allow themselves to be influenced by such a condemnation, which is but a historical souvenir. When the existence of tubercles in the lungs is recognized, it should not be inferred from that moment that he who has them is doomed to death in consequence of their presence. Should it be found that the tubercles soften and a cavern forms, it should not be believed, on this account that all is lost. It has been shown that this is not the case, and the natural tendency which tubercle has to fibrous transformation, that is to recovery, should not be forgotten. Before being discouraged, the physician should search and examine incessantly whether the patient is in the requisite conditions for such favorable evolution to occur. If all hope of absolute recovery must be abandoned, a relative cure should be wrought, and every exertion be made to place the patient in such conditions that he can live notwithstanding the lesions which are now irreparable; in a word, the plan adopted should be to strive and strive always, with the unshaken confidence which may be drawn from the notion that recovery is possible. The enemy can be conquered. This is the idea that should engender and sustain every effort. It is certain that this conviction is the first condition of success; since it is absence of faith in the possibility of cure which prevents the adoption of all therapeutic treatment.

ADVERSITY does not take from us true friends; it only dispels those who pretend to be such.