

A severe outbreak of trichinosis is reported from Hamburg. In one house alone, nine persons are said to have suffered from the disease. The authorities seized a number of suspected living hogs, as well as a quantity of pork.

CLOACA TAMESIS, is the name given to the Thames by the British Medical Journal. "To say that the present state of the Thames below bridge is a public scandal but feebly describes the dangerous offensiveness of the lower reaches of the royal river. From Poplar to Barking the Thames is a black and reeking sewer.

It is stated from Vienna that the Crown Prince of Austria-Hungary will open the Hygiene Congress in person; and will deliver a short address and receive the delegates at the Hofburg.

AT a recent meeting of the Board of Health of New York, sixty-one physicians were reported for failing to report cases of contagious diseases within the time prescribed by the Sanitary Code. It is stated that prosecutions will be instituted in every case where a valid excuse is not forthcoming.

THE TIMES, in a recent article, estimated that in the last thirty years scarlet fever had destroyed the lives of more than a half a million of persons, and occasioned an expense of six millions: yet England hesitates to appropriate the few hundred dollars necessary for scientific search for the means of preventing these losses.

THERE are plenty of cases on record in which death has been produced through the influence of the mind, says Good Health. and if the imagination will kill, why will it not cure as well?

THE Camera Magazine, (N. Y. Med. Times) says a child was photographed in apparent health and clear skin. The negative showed the face to be covered with an eruption, and three days later the child's face was covered with prickly heat. In another similar case the spots discovered in the negative, in two weeks proved to be small-pox.

AT the meeting last month of the Society for the Advancement of Science, Prof. Albert R. Leeds read a paper on "The Scientific Basis of the Feeding of Infants."

He said that out of every one hundred infants fed on mothers' milk, statistics showed that about eight die at the end of the first year; out of one hundred wet-nursed, eighteen died, and of one hundred fed on "infant foods," fifty-one died by the end of the first year. He advocated the use of cow's milk diluted to the standard of human milk. So we have repeatedly urged in this JOURNAL.

THE Paris municipal council have decided to open a hygienic museum, in which the microscopic effects of allowing water to stagnate, the skin to remain dirty, and bad air on the blood, will be shown as well as other causes of disease. Lectures on the laws of health, too, will be delivered in connection with the exhibition.

IN the cholera epidemic which recently prevailed throughout Japan, Dr. Berry says that, of the various kinds of treatment tried by different physicians the best results were secured by: 1. Absolute rest, with fasting and subsequent regulation of diet; 2. Support of vital powers by heat, etc.; 3. Small doses of opium in early stages with an acid or aromatics.

By substituting chromate of lead for good eggs, a baker of Philadelphia was able to sell fourteen bright yellow buns for ten cents, says the Press of that city, but the poor people who bought them found them terribly expensive, deaths resulting from their use. The use of this poison is said to be becoming common.

A LOVING father, says the Annals of Hygiene, who, at a summer resort, had left behind him four beautiful children, dead of diphtheria, said to a physician, "That hotel proprietor was as much of a murderer as if he had shot my little ones." "Yes," was the reply, "but you, the guardian, ought to have been armed and equipped against such foes."

THE Medical Congress in Washington this month seems to have been quite a success, notwithstanding the early trouble. Dr. Hamilton, the Secretary-General, remarked that the speech of Sir James Grant, of Canada, proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Unna, for his valuable paper on skin diseases, was a sufficient answer to the criticism of these medical men who allege that their congress was not a success.