

been a great decline in the quantity of such goods imported into Norway, and British printed cloths were getting a bad reputation in consequence. The letter was forwarded to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, which had samples of the goods examined, and they were found to contain arsenic in large quantities.

DR. KLEIN, the eminent English bacteriologist, in the nineteenth annual report of the Local Government Board takes occasion to emphasize fact which is of great practical importance and should always be borne in mind by health officers, to wit: The contagion of diphtheria is to be classed with those which can exist and thrive outside the human body; that a room may retain active the diphtheritic contagion for a long period; and that milk may be not only the vehicle, but even the multiplying ground of the diphtheritic contagion.

AN OUTBREAK of typhoid fever, somewhat curious in its origin, occurred in one of the English sanitary districts. The excreta from two cases of typhoid fever had been thrown into an ashpit. Subsequently, some decayed fruit was thrown upon the same ashpit. This fruit was discovered by some children, who were all associated as playmates, and distributed and eaten by all of them. In due time seventeen cases of typhoid appeared among the children whose ages ranged from three to fourteen years.

A RUSSIAN INVESTIGATOR has preserved tuberculous sputum on pieces of linen at the ordinary temperature of a living room and found that, under these conditions, the infectiveness of the tubercle bacillus was retained two months and a half, whether it was kept in darkness or in the light. His results are confirmatory of all preceding work in showing that this bacillus is very tenacious of life.

AT A RECENT MEETING of the National Association of Sanitary Inspectors, England, Mr. G. Burt, in an address on the value of meteorology and its relations to the public health referring to a dense fog said: The official meteorologist—had there been one—would have foretold this fog, and much loss and great inconvenience to the public might thus have been avoided. Ask the physician at what price he would value the power of giving timely warning of the coming of a "cold snap" to his patients. Ask the builders of London, or any other large city, what they have lost in the last ten years by sudden frosts or unexpected downpours of rain. But the roll is endless—a knowledge of meteorology is of the very first importance in every stage of human life, civilized or uncivilized.

DR. GRIFFIN, Brantford, Ont., medical health officer, estimates that there have been two hundred cases of measles there during the past two months. Overcrowding in the schools is given as the cause. Typhoid fever also has been very prevalent in Brantford, from eighty to a hundred cases occurring every year. Bad water from river pollution is doubtless the cause.

IN BOSTON the public bathing-houses were extensively patronized during last year, the figures showing the number of bathers to have been nearly a million. This gives about two baths to every Bostonian during the year.

A VEGETERIAN SOCIETY has been organized in New York with good prospects of a large membership.

THE Phrenological Journal says: One may be a blacksmith, a plasterer, a painter, a whitewasher, a tanner and currier, a stable boy even, and yet be clean. He can do dirty work, and himself, with reasonable effort, not be dirty. But, if one takes filthy substances into ones mouth or stomach, such as whiskey and tobacco, one will emit a very disagreeable stench, which neither clothes, cologne, or other substances can counteract,—be *unclean*.

AT A wedding near Louisville, Ky., April 15th, forty persons were poisoned, so that death resulted in five cases. Violent vomiting or purging, or both, with great prostration, marked all the cases, and collapse in some. Chemists have not determined the cause of the same.

BERLIN gives the carriages of physicians the right of way through the crowded streets. The coachmen wear a distinctive white hat.

DR. RUSSELL, Senior Pathologist of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, has at length secured a cancer parasite and traced its life history. He finds it to be a fungus of the yeast type. Dr. Russell says the discovery can not be definitely accepted until tested by others.

BACON said: "To be free-minded and cheerfully disposed at hours of meate and of sleepe and of exercise, is the best precept of long lasting."

TORSION BRAIDED WIRE MATTRESS.—This is another new thing likely to prove of great value. The spring is composed of a series of sixteen or more tubes of fine torsion braid wire, having a four-inch flattened face, which may be made to any width required. These Tubes are sewn together with wire, presenting a perfectly flat and smooth surface, and are so constructed that the Mattress when finished may be rolled