

WOMAN'S DRESS AND HER DISEASES.—In an address before the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the president, Dr. Atlee, drew attention to the bad effects of the change wrought by absurd fashion in the habits and dress of women. He held, that in proportion as women have departed from simplicity, in that same proportion have their infirmities increased. The confined waist and weighty dress of women were mercilessly ridiculed. Fashionable women were compared to pea-fowls strutting the streets and taking a scavenger-like promenade, gathering filth and exhausting strength. The pernicious effect of the fashionable shoe was explained. Nature intended the heel and sole to be on a level, but fashion raises the heel two inches above this level. Woman is thus walking down hill, and as far as health is concerned may be said to be going down hill all the time. The fashionable woman is a burlesque and caricature on nature.—*The Doctor, London.*

INSECTICIDE.—According to the *Industrie Blatter* of Berlin, the use of wild rosemary (*Ledum palustre*) is recommended as a substitute for the well-known Persian powder. This plant whether fresh or dry, will kill lice, bed-bugs, fleas, moths, beetles, and their larvæ, the maggots, and blue-bottles, and probably other insects. It is also the best remedy for musquitobites, and the bites of all other insects. A little of the tincture of the plant applied to the bite not only relieves the intolerable itching, but also relieves the pain. If the tincture be mixed with glycerine and rubbed on the skin it will drive the mosquitoes away.—*Sanit. Rec.*

ALCOHOL.—SOME NEW POINTS.—It gives us pleasure to announce that the essay with the above title, by Dr. Kinne, has been awarded a prize of \$300,00 and is to be published by the National Temperance Society, New York. This essay claims to demonstrate that alcohol is in no case a stimulant, that its well known effects, such for instance as a quickened pulse, a flushed face, and a heated surface, are due to its action as a paralyzing force, and that its well known therapeutic value, must be accounted for upon entirely different physiological principles. And as it is strictly scientific in character, and in no sense controversial or partisan, its issue from the press will be looked for with interest.—*Pen. Jour. of Med.*

A DEATH in Chicago, and one in this city, were chronicled in one week in August, from mistaking a bottle containing poison for one with medicine. Is it not time that a special form of bottle be used for deadly compounds.—*Med. & Surg. Rep. Phil.*