

to the prevention of infectious diseases. They have issued an order that every case of such disease, however slight, is to be reported direct to them, and for this purpose they have furnished every medical man in the district with books provided with counterfoils. Sanitary commissions, instituted with this object, will be obliged to send instructions to the medical men when the cases are considered serious, and will prescribe the means of disinfection, the isolation of the sick, and other precautionary measures. The results of the information sent by the practitioners will be published every month under the direction of the Board of Health.

**ERYSIPELAS AND SEWER-GAS.**—The *Chicago Daily News* states, that in a house fitted 'with all modern improvements,' in that city a physician was recently called in to attend a lad suffering with facial erysipelas. He found the boy's elder brother just recovering from a large carbuncle, and the mother, convalescing from erysipelas, had a patch of gangrene as large as a quarter dollar. Although no unpleasant odour was perceptible, and the plumbing seemed all right externally, careful examination revealed the soil pipe to be disconnected from the sewer connection beneath the basement floor, and the ground was literally soaked for yards in extent with the contents of the soil-pipe.

**IMPORTANT ADVICE.**—Beware of salves, beware of plasters, beware of eye-waters, beware of hair-dyes, beware of washes for refining the skin, beware of toilet powders, and be careful in the use of scented soaps. Why? Salves make and keep the skin sore, plasters prevent wounds from healing, eye-waters do often more injury than good, most hair-dyes produce sore eyes, beautifying washes are often poisonous, ditto toilet powders, while scented soaps are usually too sharp by the free alkali they contain. We will from time to time give proofs of the correctness of the above severe criticisms.—*Practical Americana*.

**FIGARO** states that when Dr. B. asked what was his fee, he was said he had no fixed price, adding that a physician's hand should be like the collecting-bag at church, into which the rich put what they pleased, and the poor what they can.