

Over-indulgence in food, alcohol, and tobacco undoubtedly increases the erectile condition of of the obstruction.

THE CORONER for Sheffield recently held an inquest on the body of an infant between 4 and 5 weeks old, who died from a dose of a soothing syrup. The coronor severely censured the chemist who had prescribed the medicine, saying that soothing syrups killed thousands of children and ruined the constitutions of thousands more ; the latter, instead of growing up healthy men and women, were ill and delicate, and of the two he thought those were more fortunate who were killed.

FROM THE Sanitary Record, London, Eng., we learn that the inhabitants of St. Ambrose, Quebec, observing an unpleasant taste in the water, had a reservoir examined, and the bodies of eleven children were fished out. The American Architect does not think that the inhabitants of that small village, where eleven children could be murdered within a short time without any inquiries being made after them, need be very squeamish about the water they were drowned in ; but there seems to be some dissatisfaction, so the reservoir will be cleaned. It is suggested that if the people who murdered these babies were caught and hung in conspicuous positions around the reservoir it might be useful if not ornamental.

A CHINESE correspondent of the Texas Siftings says, the more I study Americans, the more I am convinced that they are mentally diseased. Instead of doing everything in a common-sense manner, they try all they can to do it in the very opposite way. At home, for example you and your other members of the Mutual Health Association pay Dr. Wun Lung and his assistants a liberal salary to keep you all well and pay nothing when you are sick. On this account he and his young men work very assiduously in regular calling and examining every member of the union, and all of you enjoy comparative immunity from illness. Here, in New York, a physician is paid for the amount of your sickness, and the less able you are to earn any money the larger and more onerous is his bill. As a result many doctors, I am told, yield to temptation and keep their customers sick. The consequence is that those who have the largest number of sick and dying are the richest, most esteemed and influential, while in China they would be ostracized and not allowed to practice.

ALL LAUNDRIES should be carefully looked after. An exchange reports the case of a woman who lived in a tenement in Brooklyn in which there was a case of malignant diphtheria. She did the laundry work for a well-to-do family in Brooklyn and another in Bedford, and in forty-eight hours after she carried home the weeks clothing the disease broke out in its worst form in both these families. In one it destroyed the life of two children and left the mother and a child invalids ; in the other the only child, a brilliant boy, died and both parents narrowly escaped it.

ONE of the greatest evils is the sale and use of milk from diseased and badly fed and uncared for cows, and one of the greatest marvels is that intelligent well-to-do people will give such milk to their children, and will not rather insist on a careful system of inspection of all dairies.

IN INTOXICATION, it is claimed that half a teaspoonful of chloride of ammonium in a goblet of water will almost immediately restore the faculties and powers of locomotion even in a man who is helplessly intoxicated.

PRINCE LOUIS FERDINAND, of Bavaria, the husband of the Infanta Paz, is a clever surgeon, and the Duke Theodore, who is the brother of the Empress of Austria, is both an oculist and a surgeon.

BELGIAN trains are compelled by law to carry what is called a *boite de secours*, supposed to contain all surgical appliances needful in case of accident, and to be carried in that portion of the train which is regarded as the safest.

IN THE REPORT of the Committee on Hygiene of the Albany Medical society, it is stated that the committee had investigated the causes of inefficiency of local boards of health as now constituted, and expressed the opinion that probably further enquiry into the subject would show the advisability of changing the so-called unit of territory upon which local boards of health were based, and have them embrace a county instead of a town or city.

DR. STEWART, commenting in a paper read before the Philadelphia County Medical Society on some cases of lead poisoning, says that lead is a more frequent cause of chronic endocardial inflammation (a heart affection) than gout, syphilis, or alcoholism.

FRENCHMAN.—“You should to Paree go, eef only to see zee beautiful picture of New York harbour, painted by Missear Bartholdi.