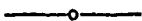


## Correspondence.



*To the Editor of the Public Health Magazine :—*

DEAR SIR,—In your November number "A Subscriber" writes you an enquiring letter in regard to the loss of life from accident, but more especially in regard to that class from fire. He indignantly asks: "Can nothing be done to stop it?" I answer, Yes, a great deal, if we could only arouse our sleeping fellow-citizens, guardians and aldermen. The extraordinary number of accidents which take place is, as he truly says, "something appalling." Take, for instance, that fruitful source, *reckless driving*. What family has not had just cause for indignation, and too often mourned the death of some loved one, carried to an early grave from having been run over by some "Jehu" out for a holiday; or, what is worse almost, to rise from a painful bed of sickness to be a cripple for life? Certainly, Mr. Editor, our sleeping aldermen should be aroused to a sense of their duties, and cause watch to be made to arrest and impose heavy fines upon the perpetrators of this daily outrage upon civilization. My indignation has carried me away from the subject I had intended to write upon, but if your readers will bear with me a little longer, I shall answer fully "A Subscriber's" last question, viz. . "Would you please inform me what the particular virtues of the chemical fire-extinguisher are, and would you advise its use?" I will answer the last half first by saying that no private dwelling, public building, school or college should be without it, and my reasons for this assertion will answer the first part of your correspondent's query, "What are the particular virtues of the chemical fire-extinguisher?"