

in treating so chronic a case is what form of treatment had better be adopted. He, we will say, has tried very frequent salt bathing, the use of dusting powders, astringent lotions, even the application of Hebra's diachylon ointment, with any number of tonics administered internally, even going so far as ordering belladonna in some form to check the excessive sweating, and then has been given little or no relief. By turning to the question of the footwear the physician will find a means of giving great relief to his patient. There is no doubt that many boots are so badly made as to cause local affections of this kind. A system of ventilated shoes has recently been introduced into Canada and to which foot-gear the name of "Respira" has been applied. These shoes are so made that there is a perfect current of air circulating all round the feet all the time. The idea is certainly a capital one. Every time the person walks, the pressure of the foot on an insole of interspaced pure rubber causes a suction process and draws in air through an opening which is in the heel, and which opening can be closed so as to be perfectly air and water tight in cold or wet weather. As soon as the air is drawn in, it is pressed up through a series of holes in the inner sole and reaches the foot itself. In that way, perfect ventilation is given. It will be found that by the use of these shoes the wearer will no longer suffer from so distressing a malady, but on the other hand will get comfort and ease. To the medical profession the introduction by The Kennedy Co., whose headquarters for Toronto will be found in the Manning Arcade, King Street West, of such an article will prove a boon, and also a means of giving relief to a class of patients whose cases in the past have been in many instances difficult to treat.

WHOLESOME FOOD PRODUCTS.

THE modern tendency toward cheapness of price is primarily answerable for much of the adulteration which is so prevalent in every line of manufacture. The popular demand must be supplied, and to meet the existing conditions of things, articles of questionable merit are thrown upon the markets. In no other direction is this deterioration of wares working greater havoc than in the line of food products, as the impurities in such goods not only impose upon the purse of the consumer, but even strike at the very foundation of life itself. It is therefore the duty of every physician to inform himself concerning the purity of food products, as it is the duty of health journals to point out the dangers incident to the use of foods which may be impure and unwholesome, as well as to indicate purity and wholesomeness where such desirable qualities have demonstrated their existence. Hygienic publications in particular are relied upon to furnish such information to their patrons who look to such sources for guidance upon all matters relating to the well-being of themselves and their households.