

PROF. JACOBI says diphtheria may be communicated by many animals besides man. It has been traced to the following: Pigeons, turkeys, chickens, pheasants, cats, horses, sheep and cows. Vegetables, milk and other foods may convey it. It is also carried by clothing, furniture, railroad cushions, etc.

DR. KARL KILCHER, Prague, swallowed, as an experiment, some blood of a man who had died of typhus fever. The death from septicæmia of this enthusiastic devotee of science is now announced.

A WOMAN, on whose body an inquest was recently held in London, is described as having been the greatest chloroform taker in the world, customarily taking as much as a pint a day. The various organs of her body were described as being healthy.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company has issued orders requiring a thorough cleansing and disinfecting of all its passenger coaches at least once a week.

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#### NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

VERY PRETTY ILLUSTRATIONS are given in late numbers of the Illustrated London News: notably, "The Return of the Wanderer"; and, in the last issue just received, Sept. 14, are, full page, "Caught by the Tide," "Hans and Greta," "Summer," "Edith," and, double page, the "Courier of the Desert," all very attractive. There have been many charming scenes in Wales in connection with the Queen's visit there. Wilkie Collins' thrilling story, "Blind Love," is very handsomely illustrated.

DR. M. Allen Starr will have an article on "The Old and the New Phrenology," in the October "Popular Science Monthly," showing, with the aid of illustrations, what has been definitely learned about the location of the various mental faculties in the brain, and how the errors of Gall and Spurzheim have been exposed.

A DELIGHTFUL STUDY of animal life and character is contributed by Olive Thorne Miller to the September "Popular Science Monthly," in the shape of a description of a pet lemur which the author possessed, and which represents a group of animals closely allied to the monkeys.

THE September CENTURY contains a paper on Napoleon Bonaparte of unusual interest and

importance, being contemporary accounts, by British officers, of the ex-Emperor's exile to Elba; his voyage to St. Helena and life on that island. Mr. Paine, whose article on the "Pharaoh of the Bondage" will be remembered, presents an illustrated study of the identity of "The Pharaoh of the Exodus and his Son"—in the light of their monuments.

PROFESSOR GEORGE P. FISHER of Yale University will contribute to The Century during the coming year a series of papers on The Nature and Method of Revelation, in which he will touch upon a number of questions of living interest at the present time, in connection with Christianity and the Bible.

FOLLOWING the article on the late Miss Laura Bridgman, in the August ST. NICHOLAS, the number for September contains a full and interesting account of "Helen Keller," a young girl who, also, is deaf, dumb, and blind. Mary Hallock Foote tells the sad story of "The Lamb that could n't 'Keep Up,'" and a beautiful drawing illustrating the little story forms the frontispiece of the number.

THE August Good Health contains the fourth of Dr. Oswald's "International Health Series"—an illustrated paper on Italy. S. Isadore Miner has an article, "How to Keep Cool" from a standpoint of health and comfort. The third paper by Dr. Kate Lindsay in Dress department, is "The Repression System in the Training of Girls." Dr. Lindsay states that "Most of the women who have ever amounted to anything were 'Tomboys' in their youth"! also "The Educational Needs of To-Day" by E. L. Shaw, gives in the one word *educate* the peaceful solution of the labor question.

#### UNCALENDARED.—FROM THE CENTURY.—

ONLY a year have thou and I been friends,  
If time be counted on our calendar;  
Away with that! What it begins, it ends:  
From all eternity, close souls we were,  
And shall we, so God grant! forevermore,  
For two were never faster bound before.

"With God, one day is as a thousand years:"  
Oh, Love is mighty, God's most blessed name!  
The more that man his Maker's image bears  
The more must months and æons be the same.  
Love knows not time—It is eternity,  
And not a year, that I count out with thee!