

THE PACKET, of Orillia, says, there have been many cases of typhoid fever in Penetanguishene of late, and as usual in such cases the Board of Health is only now beginning to stir itself. "Is the same experience to be again repeated in Orillia? There is typhoid here, and last spring there were many cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria; nearly all of which proper sanitary precautions would have prevented."

DOCTOR Charles Theodore, Duke of Bavaria, the philanthropic physician, recently celebrated at Tegensee, in Bavaria, his removal of the thousandth cataract from the eyes of his poor patients. It was made the occasion of a great ovation.

NO DOUBT about it. Dr. Porter, of Connecticut, estimates that the money lost to this country (U. S.) by sickness and death, is annually five and one-half thousand millions of dollars.

DRY ROT is believed to be contagious, and it is said that the germ of that disease may be communicated to sound wood by tools which have been at work in that diseased. It is thought possible that the theory accounts for many incomprehensible breakages of timber.

THE LATEST experiments show (Am. Lancet) show that the scrubbing of the hands with soap and hot water is more important than the use of any particular antiseptic solution for purposes of disinfection.

SHOULD the entire carcass of an animal (only locally) infected with tuberculosis be condemned as unfit for food? A recent decision in a test case in Glasgow, Scotland, answers this query in the affirmative.

THE Medical Record says that suicide have diminished since a law was enacted punishing the attempt.

According to Dr. Cornet, tuberculosis is five times more frequent among nurses than any other class of persons.

FOR BALDNESS AND DANDRUFF, the Canada Lancet says, a solution of chloral hydrate, five grains to the ounce of water, is good. "It will clear the hair of dandruff, and prevent its falling out from that cause." In many instances where the patient is nearly bald the application of this will restore the hair. Arnica oil is also an admirable remedy. A small quantity well rubbed into the scalp three or four times a week can be used with expectations of benefit.

PHILADELPHIAN, I wish you, sir, to observe the color of that water I have just drawn from the pipes. Councilman—Oh, that is all right. The color is not due to the impurities, but the air in the water. "Air?" "Yes, you see as the limpid streams which enter the Schuylkill go leaping bubbling and singing through their mountain glens the soft, brownish Indian summer atmosphere permeates the liquid and gives it that pleasing, poetic, terra-cotta hue."

THE DEATH-RATE is higher in towns than in the country, but this difference is less marked now than formerly. The attention paid of late years to sanitary science has been accompanied by a striking decrease to the death-rate, an improvement great enough to give 1,800,047 additional years of life to the 858,878 children annually born in England and Wales, thus extending the lifetime of the 437,492 males by a year and a half each, and of the 421,386 females by at least two-years and three quarters.

ON ANTI-FAT treatment, an "L. R. C. P." writes in a recent number of the British Medical Journal. He says: What is wanted is a gradual diminution of weight without privation or inconvenience. This can be done simply by leaving off two or three fattening articles of food or substituting others for them. I thought I was too heavy. I left off beer (of which I previously took two pints a day), bread (eating toast instead), potatoes, and sugar in tea and coffee. I made no other alteration whatever, eating pudding, vegetable, meat, fat, and drinking claret, sherry, etc., as usual. He gradually lost 19 lbs., and continues: I feel the better for it, and am convinced that a gradual diminution of weight attained in this way is much better and likely to be of more lasting benefit than a quick fall attained by any severe system.

A CASE of small-pox which recently occurred in Aberdeen is said to have been contracted from handling raw flax and jute imported from Russia.

IN SPAIN sanitary reform is being vigorously urged by the Society of Hygiene. It will not be the fault of the society if a hygienic millennium is not soon brought about in that romantic country.

RECENT researches in France point strongly toward the view that cancer will be proved to be a parasitic disease, produced by germs similar to those which produce some forms of skin disease.