

The Berlin Royal Library has acquired a Semitic manuscript by a Hebrew doctor of the fourteenth century, which promises to throw much light on the history of medicine.

Scientific cleanliness is to be promoted in French schoolrooms by boiled drinking water, damp cloths, instead of dry dusters and brooms, and an antiseptic cleaning once a week.

The largest death-rate of any city in the world, from the use of alcohol, is recorded in Stockholm, the Swedish capital. The number of deaths from this cause is ninety in 1,000.

It is said that Mr. Thomas Moore, of *Land and Water*, London, and Mr. Cleve, a Belfast gentleman, will invest about £6,000 in an enterprise in British Columbia, and if a success, the total investment will be about £50,000.

In the foreign notes of a recent number of the *Literary Digest*, there is the statement that the German Government has received a petition signed by many influential merchants asking the authorities to push the passage of laws against dishonorable competition. The petitioners advise a revision of the law according to the French system. In France, for instance, a manufacturer or dealer may not advertise his wares as the "only reliable," or "the best in the world," if it can be proved by competitive firms that their goods are not inferior.

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