

ought not to be a burden, when the weather is perfect and the country is smiling; "but that if you go about your business and forget all about the shells you can live very comfortably even in a siege;" N.B.: if you make up your mind to the troublesome insects you have a much easier time of it. Do not disturb yourself with vain efforts to kill that last mosquito in your bedroom; you rouse yourself far more surely than he can do. It is but one bite after all, and one bite makes very little difference in the mosquito season; once he has bitten he will cease buzzing. And one more fact; it is not the mosquitoes who bite at their ease, take their fill and fly away, that leave the lump on your ankle and the irritation; it is the insects who have been disturbed or killed, and who consequently leave their proboscis behind buried in your flesh, that you remember for so long. We often let a mosquito bite, just to see it fill itself almost to bursting, and I have never known even the children troubled by those bites, while their poor little legs show how much they suffer. Turpentine is good for keeping off mosquitoes, but I find it is most useful in inducing the children to lie still in bed; if they believe that no mosquito will come near a handkerchief steeped in turpentine they will sleep soundly though they are being bitten; but that it does keep them away for a few minutes, I quite believe.

Here we have no malaria, and there is a vague idea even that the bites are beneficial, but I fail to see how that can be, except perhaps that they teach us to keep our temper, and take the small ills of life philosophically.

Perhaps the following rhyme from our private magazine may amuse you:—

"Slake, slake, slake
Thy murderous thirst oh fly,
But, oh! for a chance to squash, and see thee
Twiddle thy legs and die,

"Oh well for the man in the moon,
He is far from this fly-blown land,
But oh for the smart of an ankle bit,
And the throb of a tortured hand.

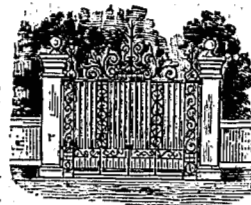
"Bite, bite, bite,
Thou worse than the wildest flea.
But I would that I might utter
The thoughts that arise in me."

Sanatoria for Consumptives.

Writing on the subject of Sanatoria for Consumptives, the *Physician and Surgeon* considers that the collection of consumptives into sanatoria is probably the most expensive, and certainly will be the least effective of all the methods of prevention proposed by the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, i.e., if they have in view the good of the race rather than merely that of the individual, and do not at the same time take steps to prevent consumptives from transmitting their susceptibility to another generation. Nature, it is added, is working her own cure, eliminating the unfit and leaving as survivors those who are the most resistant to the disease, who transmit their resisting powers to their offspring.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



THE following telegram has been addressed by her Majesty the Queen to the officer commanding the Royal Marine Guard Pekin:

"I thank God that you and those under your command are rescued from your perilous situation. With my people I have waited with the deepest anxiety for the good news of your safety and a happy termination to your heroic and prolonged defence. I grieve for the losses and sufferings experienced by the besieged.—V.R.I."

Many of our readers will be glad to have their attention called to the work of the Young Women's Christian Association in London, a report of which we have just received. The work is very extensive, and consists in London alone of 140 branches, including 50 Institutes, Homes and Restaurants, with a total membership of over 15,000. Its work is of a varied character, some of the departments being Employment Agencies, a Sick Aid and Holiday Fund, Educational Classes, Departments for Helping the Deaf and Blind, the Visitation of Restaurants, etc. When we think of the stream of young women that is continually pouring into London from the country towns and villages, and realise that many of them have no homes in London, we cannot overestimate the work of an Association which is instrumental in fostering many who might otherwise be the victims of crushing temptations. The Hon. Secretaries are the Hon. E. Kinnaird and Miss Morley, and the offices are at 26, George Street, Hanover Square, W.

Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851 have made the following appointment to a Science Research Scholarship for the year 1900. These scholarships are of the value of £150 a year, and are ordinarily tenable for two years (subject to a satisfactory report at the end of the first year) in any university at home or abroad, or in some other institution approved of by the Commissioners. The scholars are to devote themselves exclusively to study and research in some branch of science, the extension of which is important to the industries of the country. The name of the scholar is Alice Laura Embleton, B.Sc., and the nominating institution:—University Coll. of S. Wales.

The first Social Democratic Women's Congress will be held in Mayence in September in connection with the ordinary annual conference of this party.

The most prominent points in the programme are: The best method of organising a system of delegates in connection with the various female trade associations; secondly, the organisation of an agitation among female workers; thirdly, the best method of forcing on measures for the protection of female workers; and finally, the question of educational associations for working women and girls.

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