

Annotations.

THE QUEEN AT THE ALDERSHOT HOSPITALS.

On Sunday last, during his visit to Aldershot the King had arranged to inspect the garrison hospitals. Unfortunately His Majesty was prevented by indisposition from carrying out this intention, but the Queen, with other members of the Royal Family, visited the Cambridge Hospital at the South Camp, and showed the greatest interest in the patients and the arrangements of the hospital. Her Majesty next drove to the Louise Margaret Hospital for Soldiers' Wives and Children, and stayed for long in the children's wards, and then visited the Connaught Hospital at the North Camp. The Queen's gracious solicitude for their welfare charmed all the patients.

THE LEAGUE AGAINST DUELLING.

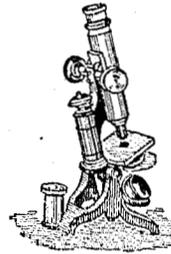
When Count Tacoli two years ago refused to fight a duel, for religious reasons, and was, consequently, expelled from the Austrian Court and Army, he hardly thought that he was gaining an immense number of people over to his cause. But he did so as a matter of fact, and the outcome of the courageous stand he made is the League Against Duelling, which was formed in Austria, where, when it had been in existence no longer than eight months, it caused Parliament to pass a special law forbidding duels to be fought. Next it spread to Germany, where the Emperor himself gave it his entire approval. Just now it is being introduced into France, and though there is no longer any such grim necessity for an institution of this kind as in the days of Anne of Austria, when, as has been authenticated, no fewer than 9,000 gentlemen perished in duels, there is still plenty of chance for the League to prevent awkward encounters. May it, therefore, flourish as it deserves!

CAN NOTHING BE DONE?

The apathy of Londoners is proverbially difficult to touch, but lovers of animals should surely combine to prevent the needless torture which horses who meet with accidents suffer in our streets, while the legal steps for their destruction are set in motion. Recently an omnibus horse with a broken leg was left standing in Great Portland Street from three o'clock in the afternoon until ten o'clock at night before it was put out of its misery. Surely some merciful and speedy means of death might be authorized in such cases.

Medical Matters.

THE BENEFIT OF GARLIC JUICE IN CONSUMPTION.



Dr. W. C. Minchin, Medical Officer of Kells, reports in the *Anglo-Celt* that he has found "the inhalation of garlic juice under special conditions" very useful in the treatment of consumption. "I have had so much success with it," he says, "that I have come to look on few cases of consumption as hopeless." Consumption is very prevalent in Ireland, and some 12,000 persons die annually from the disease, so if the benefit of garlic juice in the treatment of the disease is as great as Dr. Minchin believes, his statement is an important one

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND EYESIGHT.

A Russian specialist contends that contrary to the general opinion, electric light plays less havoc with the eyes than other forms of artificial light. He bases his deductions on the fact that disease and damage to the eye are proportioned to the frequency of the closure of the lids. He found that the lids close in a minute 6.8 times with candle-light, 2.8 times with gaslight, 2.2 times with sunlight, and 1.8 times with electric light. As electric light is daily becoming more used, this dictum will be hailed with satisfaction by many.

A NEW PARASITE.

The labours of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine are already having practical results. Last year in the Gambia an important discovery was made of the trypanosoma, an animal parasite, and it was further found that this parasite is closely connected with disease in Europeans which, up to that time had not been recognised. Since then further investigations have been made in the Liverpool School with the result that a new expedition is to be despatched in a few weeks to the Gambia and to Senegambia to study the disease.

FROZEN CARBONIC ACID IN TREATING CANCER.

Professor Hornitz, a leading Scandinavian gynaecologist, reports that he has successfully treated external forms of cancer by a freezing process, in which he employs liquid carbonic acid. He believes the cancer cells are probably killed by being submitted to a certain degree of cold for a few minutes.

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