

of it will produce, in such persons, ringing in the ears and more or less complete deafness, together with nausea, and perhaps even vomiting—a condition to which the name of *Cinchonism*, or poisoning by quinine, is given. Yet, in some of these patients, quinine is the very drug which is most valuable for the treatment of their complaints. It has been found that patients who could not take even one grain of quinine without these symptoms being experienced, have had administered to them no less than fifteen grains at a time, in the form of suppositories; and in one such case one suppository every six hours cured a patient of an attack of malarial fever in twenty-four hours. It has been found, in other cases, that suppositories containing from ten to twenty grains of sulphate of quinine, administered every four, or every six, hours, according to the severity of the case, rapidly reduced the temperature, steadied the pulse, and in fact gave all the good results of the quinine treatment without any signs of discomfort to the patient.

#### CHLOROSIS.

THE condition to which this name was formerly given—when it was more popularly known as the “green sickness,” on account of the greenish pallor of the face—in patients suffering from extreme anæmia, is one for which, for hundreds of years, some form of Iron has been recognised as the proper treatment. But it has been pointed out recently, as a matter of pathological science, although it is a fact with which all practical physicians are acquainted, that the cause of the change in the red corpuscles of the blood, which is the essential origin of the anæmic appearance of the patient, is in many instances to be found in some form of digestive disturbance; and that in such cases it is useless to expect to obtain a cure by means of Iron alone unless the condition of the stomach and intestines can also be improved. The use of an aperient, combined with the Iron, or of an ordinary tonic aperient before the Iron was administered, has often effected a cure in patients to whom Iron alone has been given for weeks or months previously, without any marked benefit. It is usual to enjoin such patients to get fresh air; and the common sense of this is obvious, seeing that it implies out-door exercise, and improved circulation and digestion in consequence.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen is sending her usual Christmas present of cast linen to several of the London Hospitals.

Princess Christian has become President of the newly-formed Great Western Railway Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The Hon. Sydney Holland has been unanimously elected to be Chairman of the House Committee of the London Hospital for the ensuing twelve months.

Mr. Bancroft is announced to visit Bournemouth early in the new year, and to give a Shakespearean recital on behalf of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Blanche, Countess of Rosslyn, on Thursday opened a sale of Bazaar goods suitable for Christmas presents at the North-Eastern Hospital for Children. Music, lucky tubs, fish ponds and other attractions made the Bazaar very lively, and it is to be hoped a nice sum will result to the Hospital. It is pleasant to think that in giving Christmas presents to our friends, we are at the same time helping to relieve poor children from pain and sickness.

The *Jewish Chronicle* announces that the Baroness de Hirsch has decided to erect and endow a home for Jewish Consumptives. She has, with that object, placed under the control of her relative, Mrs. Bischoffsheim, Sir Edward Sassoon, and Mr. Frank Lucas, a sum of between £40,000 and £50,000.

A bed has been endowed at the Meath Hospital as a memorial to the late Sir George Porter. The ceremony was performed by the Lord Lieutenant, Earl Cadogan.

At the personal request of the Prince Regent of Bavaria, Professor Max von Pettenkofer, the eminent scientist and director of the scientific department of Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, Limited, has consented to fill the chair at the Academy of Science of Bavaria, and to act as keeper of the State Scientific Collection for a further term of three years. The Prince Regent has conferred upon him the title of “Excellency.”

We are glad to see that the Liebig's Extract of Meat Company obtained an injunction against the Chemists' Co-operative Society, to prevent the latter Society from using wrappers so similar to those of the Extract Company as to lead purchasers to believe they were buying the original and valuable Liebig Extract, now so well-known and appreciated.

Dr. Barnardo has written to the Marquis of Salisbury to inform him that his committee will make immediate provision to receive and maintain 1,000 Armenian children of either sex, who being orphans are also destitute, and will, if needful, subsequently

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