

Items of Interest.

The report is fully confirmed that Professor Giuseppe Sanarelli, the eminent Italian bacteriologist and disciple of Pasteur, who is Director of the Uruguayan National Institute of Experimental Hygiene, has discovered the bacillus of yellow fever, and will shortly publish the result of his experiments. He has already reported his discovery to the Academy of Medicine in Rome.

News comes from Bombay that the plague at Karachi is rapidly increasing, and the large majority of cases prove fatal. A missionary advises that all houses in which cases of plague have occurred should be burned where possible.

It is reported that Miss Joyce, the Nurse who attended Surgeon-Major Manser during his attack, has died of the plague.

In view of the danger of the introduction of the plague into Europe through infection carried by overland travellers from India to Russia, the Czar has appointed a special commission to draw up preventive measures and take steps to enforce the same.

Danger is also apprehended at Constantinople from the Mecca pilgrims from India; and it is hoped, therefore, that the English Government will prohibit these pilgrimages this year.

The experimental omnibus belonging to the London Electric Omnibus Company, and propelled by electricity on the Radcliffe Ward system, made a successful trial trip through the busiest parts of the West End on Saturday afternoon.

The following apology appeared in the *Financial News* of January 8th inst.:—"In our issue of October 30th there appeared, under 'Voice of the Public,' a letter signed 'Expert,' in which it was alleged: (a) That the Apollinaris Water sold by the Apollinaris Company, Limited, is not a genuine natural mineral water; (b) that the Government of the United States had treated it as an artificial or manufactured water; and (c) that in an action commenced by that Government the proprietors of Apollinaris Water were condemned to pay a fine of many millions. This letter was inserted inadvertently, during the temporary absence of the Editor, and we desire to express our regret at its publication. We are satisfied that the Apollinaris Water sold by the Apollinaris Company is the natural product of the Apollinaris Spring in Germany, and that the allegations of our correspondent are absolutely false and without foundation."

The Mellin's Food Art Exhibition, held last week at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, was well worthy of a visit. Here was to be seen a most representative gathering of pictures and photographs, paintings in oil and water colours of every description. £1,000 was given away in prizes, the following being the principal winners:—H. J. Dobson ("The New Toy"); Rentra Pollard ("First Fruits of Autumn"); Theo. B. Hansen ("Old Age"); F. Tennant Potter ("The Path of Art"); S. E. Whitehouse ("An Interior, Broadway"); Alexander Gordon ("The Blacksmith's Shop"); Nellie Kuck ("In the Churchyard"); A. J. Taylor ("The Last Gleam"); Edward Atkinson ("Sunshine and Mist, Autumn Morning").

Inventions, Preparations, &c.

FOWLER'S NIGHT LIGHTS.

SPECIMENS of these ingenious appliances have been submitted to us, and certainly deserve the attention of Nurses, because both for cleanliness, safety, usefulness and economy they present considerable advantages over many of the ordinary kinds in use in the sick room. They are made with patent tin or card bottoms, and thus dispense with the necessity of burning in a saucer of water. The cases are fireproof, and thus possess special advantages so far as danger from fire is concerned. The wick is made by a very ingenious process which obviates the necessity of a hole being made in the bottom of the case, and the wax, which is refined by a special process, is so ingeniously arranged as to burn to the very last drop and for a regulated time. Our tests show that the light fulfils the advantages which are claimed for it, that it gives a pure bright light to the end, and that it imparts a pleasant freshness to the air of the bedroom, an advantage the importance of which for invalids can hardly be over-estimated. We can therefore cordially recommend these lights to the attention of our readers.

NORFOLK "FOOD OF STRENGTH."

THIS preparation has been submitted to our notice, and we have given it a careful trial. It is very palatable, and is taken well both by children and invalids, especially by those who suffer from weakness of digestion. Its analysis shows that it is rich in flesh, fat, and bone-forming materials, and medical men who have employed it speak in the highest terms of its value as an article of diet. It is probably in consequence of the phosphate of potash which it contains that it is a valuable food for those who have much brain work to do, and made with milk into the form of porridge and taken with a little sugar or honey, we have found it very useful as a meal given the last thing at night to invalids unable to sleep and at the same time unable to digest any ordinary food. In more than one such case natural sleep was obtained apparently in consequence of this nutritious meal, given the last thing at night. The food is manufactured by Messrs. Goodrich, Hazel & Co., of Methwold, Norfolk, and can be obtained direct from them, or through any chemist or grocer.

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