

*Mail.* He would also like an "Infirmiry Docks Day." We ask why is it when an "essentially silly" idea is propounded people can always be found to support it? The answer to that is too apparent to require exposition.

**A NEW TREATMENT.**—A well-known sanatorium in England has recently made arrangements for an eight weeks' cruise in the Mediterranean, especially devised for the treatment of patients with chronic alcoholism. An entire steamer has been chartered, upon which no alcohol will be allowed, and there will be a resident physician on board. It is expected that the constant change of environment, together with the complete isolation from alcohol, may afford lasting benefits to the patients. It is, at any rate, an interesting experiment.

**AT WORCESTER GAOL.**—A prisoner named Thomas Mitchell, sixty-three, who had been sentenced for stealing boots, was burned to death in his cell at Worcester Gaol. His sleeve had caught fire while he was warming some water over the gas—a punishable offence. Years ago a prisoner hanged himself from a gas bracket; and to prevent such an occurrence in the future, all the brackets were lowered 3 feet. The Prison Governor, at the inquest, said that it was only in modern prisons that the lights were protected; and the Coroner said that they might as well take away prisoners' clothes lest they should strangle themselves.

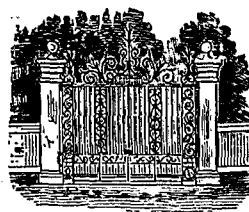
**AT THE GLASGOW BAZAAR.**—The four days' bazaar in aid of the Glasgow Samaritan Hospital, opened on Wednesday in last week by Princess Henry of Battenberg, closed on Saturday. Aiming at the ambitious figure of £15,000 to £20,000, the promoters find themselves at the finish in the possession of the splendid total of £24,407. Princess Henry not only performed the inaugural ceremony, but took her stand at a stall and proved herself a brisk business woman. A fancy-dress ball in connection with the bazaar realised £1,300.

**AT THE NORTHERN INFIRMARY, INVERNESS.**—A children's ward, the gift of the late Miss Julia Mackintosh of Raigmore, has been opened at the Northern Infirmary, Inverness. The ceremony was performed by the Primus (Bishop Kelly), who stated that the bequest of £1,000 had been left by the testatrix to start a home for sick children. He, as the surviving trustee under the bequest, communicated with the Raigmore family, and it was agreed that the best way of carrying out the wish of the testatrix was to add a children's ward to the infirmary.

**AT MELBOURNE.**—At the annual meeting of the Health Society in Melbourne, the Governor of Victoria, Sir George Clarke, referred to the general indifference and ignorance in Australia on health matters. He claimed, however, that attention to public sanitation was steadily diminishing the death-rate. He urged that the first principles of sanitation should be taught in the State schools, and he did not see why the pulpits should not sometimes be employed to teach obedience to the laws of Nature, which were the laws of God. If, he said, as much pains were bestowed on human beings as on racehorses, Australia, with its pure climate, ought to produce the finest race in the world.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



The New Zealand House of Representatives has voted £15,000 as a contribution to the fund for the Victoria Memorial in London.

According to the *Queen*, talking at theatres has developed into an abominable nuisance, and is undoubtedly one of the worst and most reprehensible phases of modern manners. This is true in the stalls. In the pit the playgoer won't stand interruption for a minute. Why should he?

We find the following method most efficacious in dealing with the nuisance. Turn suddenly towards the chattering and hiss "Hush," in an unmistakable tone. If the offenders are near you, politely intimate that, in spite of the brilliancy of the conversation, you prefer to hear the play. You will seldom have to speak twice. We have seen silence secured by these methods upon more than one occasion. Discourtesy needs sharp measures.

What is the greatest blessing next to good health which a child can possess? Why, surely, kind parents. A writer in the *Ladies' Field* says:—"I do not think we would hear so much in these days about 'revolting daughters' if there were not such an alarming number of disagreeable parents. In taking up the cudgels on behalf of the younger generation one naturally incurs the displeasure of the older, for the 'sanctity of family affection' is one of the most cherished prejudices of the British householder, and one which he will hug long after he has disinherited his sons and driven his daughters out into the world."

Whatever the faults of the modern parent, the day has gone by when children were brought up to fear and not to love their parents, and much mental torture is thereby spared the present generation.

Poor little orphan Jane Williamson, blind of one eye, the other defective, was discharged from a cotton mill near Accrington last week. She went out and drowned herself. The coroner said that if any circumstances justified suicide these did, as the child had no prospect of ever earning her living. A pathetic case.

Several of the prominent women in Hamburg have announced their intention of refusing to pay communal taxes unless the full rights of citizenship are granted them. The Senate asserts that, according to the constitutions of the city, the right of citizenship, which includes the right of voting for the Civil Council, can be granted only to males. As one lady's goods have been seized for the taxes which she refuses to pay, it is probable that the matter will now come before the law courts.

The progress of women is making steady strides in Scandinavian countries. The Norwegian Government has now in hand, and will submit to Parliament, a

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