

fact that, in 1888, Dr. Percy F. Frankland, after subjecting it to analyses, certified as follows:—

"The water, is, in fact, of most excellent quality for drinking and all other dietetic purposes. All three samples are hard water, but their hardness is neither excessive nor much greater than that of the river water supplied to London, whilst it is less than that of the Kent Company's deep well chalk water. The hardness also being of the kind known as 'temporary,' could be greatly reduced by treatment with Clark's process. After such treatment, the water would be unsurpassed for all domestic purposes.

"The softening process could be applied at the site of your present reservoir, where there is ample area for constructing both softening and service reservoirs up to the extent of one hundred and fifty million gallons."

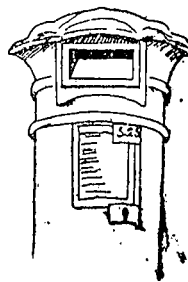
It now remains to be seen whether our authorities have sufficient regard and interest for the welfare of four and a-half millions of people under their control to enable them to at once take note of the unlimited supply of pure water almost at their doors, or whether they will continue to treat the inhabitants of this city to the supply, daily becoming less uncertain from the not too-savoury Thames, and various other not altogether satisfactory sources. Our Hospitals and other Institutions—and they have great weight in these matters—should at once insist that Mr. Webster's proposals should receive every consideration. Inspection of the works and supply can be made by appointment at 29, Cannon Street, E.C.

INVENTIONS, NOTICES OF PREPARATIONS, &c.

Kops Ale, manufactured at the Kops Brewery, Wandsworth Bridge Road, Fulham, is a praiseworthy effort on the part of the makers to introduce a non-alcoholic and efficient substitute for ordinary ale. The manufacturers guarantee it to be made from the best Kentish hops. Of this we have no doubt, as it possesses the distinct and delicate flavour of sound hops. The ale is clear, bright, and thin, of about the same density as Lager beer, and proves an admirable thirst-quencher. For some palates it may, perhaps, appear a trifle too bitter, but this can be easily remedied in future brews, as it no doubt will be. Kops Ale keeps well, increasing in brightness after a week or ten days' storage. It should meet with a large sale.

CLARK'S "GLYCOLA" AND GLYCOLA SOAP.—These toilet articles, manufactured by Mr. F. J.

Clark, of the Broadway Pharmacy, Crouch End, N., appear on testing to be very admirable preparations. The "Glycola" is delicately perfumed and delightfully cooling in its application. It is of the consistency of thick cream, and therefore readily applied to either the lips or face. It is thoroughly emollient, and vastly superior to glycerine in every way. The Glycola Soap, while of a solid character, lathers freely, and emits a refreshing odour during its use. It is economical, and can be used with safety even for infants, whose skins are particularly liable to irritation by the soaps now so commonly in vogue.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.

OUR UNIQUE MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY: A VIEW FROM OUR PERISCOPIC OBSERVATORY. EXORDIUM.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Perceiving that you are, through the medium of your correspondence columns, inviting criticism, I am induced to offer myself for admission into the arena, and I should in turn appreciate frank and intelligent criticism, and value contributions for "Our Unique Museum." Meanwhile, in the matter of space, I would cordially invite your indulgence. I have, therefore, pleasure in submitting somewhat of the outcome of one's meditations whilst acting as sentinel of "Our Periscopic Observatory."

The gift or talent to perceive that in every lowliest lesson of life the soul expands and grows alive is truly a Divine insight. And here I would take to myself the words of a contemporary writer, and say, "Once men grasp the right idea, we should have a different world; men's acts will be the outcome of a real living faith and belief, and their lives be as simple and as earnest as they are now opposite. *Now* all is profession; *then*, they would act from conviction, which a truth beheld must carry with itself; their difficulty and confusion would begin to clear away once they set out on the right path; their consciousness of life would be very different; they would perceive all the loveliness there is about them, and experience a greater delight therein; their power of understanding things and of steering their bark through the waves of life would be very different, filled with hope and courage, love to their kind, and an infinite power of forgiveness and sympathy with all, whilst the process of rectification was going on. . . . This is no dream, but may be a sober" (glowing) "reality; once get mankind to cherish hopes of a glorious conscious being, of the latent powers within himself that, properly developed, will make him a superior and better being than the imagination of the most daring has ever conceived, the glory of acting in absolute harmony and unity with the Creator, and therefore with his neighbour."

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