

get the cows which rightly descended to the boy, declared his nephew to be a leper. The society decided he should be cast out, and intrusted the execution of the decree to the uncle. The latter placed him in a small hut at a distance, and, having neglected to provide him with food, one day found him dead, and buried his body without any coffin. The doctor discovered the body, and proved that the child had died of starvation."

A HALESOWEN correspondent of the *Chronicle* writes: "A little boy named KENDALL died recently at this town under singular circumstances. A fortnight ago, by some means or other, a horse-bean was forced into the child's ear, and all efforts to extract it failed. Since the boy's death the bean has been recovered, and it was found it had begun to sprout, and had caused inflammation of the brain."

THIS sad occurrence reminds me of the prevalence, even amongst ignorant adults, of stuffing substances into the ear to prevent pain. District Nurses would do well to warn mothers of this danger. I have seen death by meningitis caused in more than one instance by an abscess of the inner ear, the discharge from which has been unable to escape by tightly-compressed lumps of cotton wool in the outer ear. It is a fundamental law in surgery that an abscess should always have a free outlet.

BACTERIOLOGY has achieved a new triumph (telegraphs the Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News*). Dr. CANON, who with Dr. PFEIFFER discovered the influenza bacillus, has now, in conjunction with Dr. PIELICKE, discovered that of measles. The Doctors, at a suggestion of Dr. PAUL GUTTMANN, of the Moabit Hospital, examined the blood of fourteen patients suffering from measles, and in all cases discovered the same bacillus. The preparations were made in the same way as in the case of influenza, the prepared blood being coloured with a solution of cosin methylene blue. The bacilli appeared with a blue shade, not uniform, but yet intense enough, especially at the ends. They differ in size, being sometimes as long as the radius of a red blood corpuscle, sometimes as large again, and sometimes smaller. Corresponding bacilli were also found in the expectorations and in the various

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secretions of the patients. Artificial culture of the bacillus has been successful. It differs completely from all other bacilli.

It is rumoured that an important experiment has been made by Professor MURRI, of Milan, at the Institution for the Cure of Hydrophobia. A man who had been bitten by a dog, and had undergone the PASTEUR treatment, was nevertheless attacked with hydrophobia. Paralysis had already set in from the waist downwards, and his life was despaired of when Professor MURRI thought of making sub-cutaneous injections of the virus in its fixed form. Little by little all the serious symptoms disappeared, and the man is now cured. The Milan papers say that if further experiments of the kind, as is probable, give the same result, a real curative, and not merely preventive, treatment of the terrible disease will have been found.

It is not generally known that the Royal Hospital for Children and Women in the Waterloo Bridge Road was the earliest Institution established in London for the special treatment of the diseases of children, and was founded in 1816, with the assistance of the late DUKE OF KENT (our beloved QUEEN'S father). This most deserving Charity stands in the midst of the direst poverty, there being not one rich resident in the parish. High praise has been bestowed upon this Hospital by the Chairman of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, and of the Hospital Saturday Fund, who declared that it is one of the best and most economically managed.

I REGRET to hear that this Hospital is in urgent need of funds, and that a sum of £1,500 is wanted at once to clear the deficiency of the year 1891. I hope this fact will meet the eye of some rich mothers of happy *healthy* children, and that in gratitude they will send some help towards restoring the sick children of less fortunate parents to health and comfort.

To me, the Ward in a Children's Hospital used to be the saddest sight in the world, but since I have visited many of the homes from whence the inmates come, it appears one of the most beautiful. I feel sure that Miss MOCATTA, the much-esteemed Matron of the Children's Hospital in the Waterloo Bridge Road, will be pleased to show visitors over the Institution, and let them judge for themselves of the great work which is being

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