

REMEDY FOR SMALL POX.

A correspondent of the Stockton (Cal.) Herald writes as follows:
I herewith append a recipe which has been used to my knowledge in hundreds of cases. It will prevent or cure the small pox though the pittings are filling. When Jenner discovered the cow pox in England, the world of science hurred an avalanche of fame upon his head, but when the most scientific school of medicine in the world—that of Paris—published this recipe as a panacea for small pox, it passed unheeded. It is as infallible as fate and conquers in every instance. It is harmless when taken by a well person. It will also cure scarlet fever. Here is the receipt as I have used it, and cured my children of the scarlet fever; here it is as I have used it to cure the small pox; when learned physicians said the patient must die, it cured. Sulphate of zinc, one grain; tincture (digitalis), one grain; half a teaspoonful of honey; mix with two tablespoonfuls of water. When thoroughly mixed, add four ounces of water. Take a spoonful every hour. Either will disappear in twelve hours. For a child, small doses, according to age. If countries would compel their physicians to use this there would be no need of pest-houses. If you value advice and experience, use this for that terrible disease.

A NEW HOTEL EXPERIMENT.

A citizen of Boston recently bought a house in one of the aristocratic streets of that city, and transformed it into a hotel. The proprietor, designed making the building ten or fifteen stories high, but yielding to the advice of friends contented himself with eight stories. The building has a steam elevator and two dumb waiters, the advantages of which are thus described by the proprietor:
"My own bedroom is in the eighth story, 150 feet from the office. On going home to-day for my dinner, I at once rode in the elevator to my own floor, and suggested to my wife that we should dine in our own parlour. Turning to the mouth of the speaking-tube, I blew—ringing the bell in the office, which threw down a silver ball which indicated the number of my room. The clerk at once asked, 'What is wanted?' I replied that I would have such and such articles for dinner for my wife and self in fifteen minutes. The articles were put in a little portable cup-board with non-conducting sides, placed in one of the dumb-waiters at the right time and sent up to the eighth floor, giving notice to the waiter on that floor that my dinner was coming up. The waiter spread the table and left us in peace and quietness to dine at our leisure. No servant had ascended a single flight of stairs. If I had rung a bell on the eighth story of an ordinary hotel, I should have had to wait fifteen minutes for the waiter to come, then I should have had to wait half an hour for the food to come, with the waiter puffing as he had been running a race. This would have been unsatisfactory to us all, and an additional expense as well."
Every tenant furnishes his own room; and the hotel is so arranged that the most absolute privacy is secured. The prices of suites of rooms range from \$300 to \$2,000; but the situation is in Beacon street, and although high for moderate incomes, these rents are cheap for that aristocratic location.

DISEASES OF GRAIN.—A correspondent of the Illinois Farmer, writing from Indiana, has the following:

After thirty years of experience in raising grain for seed, I conclude that smut in corn, rust, blight, etc., in wheat, are the result of deteriorated germinating powers and lessened vital force, caused by breeding in and in—by keeping the same kind or species too long without renewal—without "enobling" as Darwin says, by the introduction of other and new varieties. A change of seed is known to give new life and vigor to the plant. Even to procure seeds from a short distance is beneficial—the more so, because that which costs more money, care or labor is better taken care of and produces better for a few seasons.
I have known farmers to get out of seed wheat by sowing the same kind until it became smutty. I trace the potato rot, hog and chicken cholera, diseases of grain, scab and foot rot in sheep, and even diseases of the human race, to this cause viz., a long course of breeding in and in. The newer kinds of potatoes, grain, etc., are known to be more productive and healthy; and if we want sound procreative seeds, we must renew and keep up the vital force, by hybridizing with varieties not akin. Of course the season has much influence in developing the weaknesses; but other things being equal, those who renew their seeds often and get the best, have the best crops, and have valuable seeds to sell. Care in selecting the best ear of corn and the best seeds, will improve the kind. Generally, farmers plant what small, unripe potatoes are left in the spring, or buy cheap ones for that purpose, and get their seed corn, often two or three times in one season, from an open rail pen, and sow their mixed wheat after it sprouts and heads until it will hardly germinate at all. Such are those who often grumble at hard times, poor crops, rust, smut, etc. It is some trouble to gather seed corn and hang it up to dry in the fall, and to save or procure seed wheat from a distance; and it costs money to get the best seeds, but it pays.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, who claims to be the discoverer of the soap mine recently found some five miles west of Sebastopol, says the Sonoma (Cal.) Democrat of February 20, has made another discovery of the same character. The soap mine is about six miles west of the first, and about 18 miles from this place. The stone, in its natural formation, is of various colors. By rubbing it on a hard surface it assumes a polished appearance like marble; but by crushing, it is reduced to a powder as fine and as white as flour. While from the first mine an excellent article of soap is made for all purposes in family use, from the material in the last mine a good toilet and shaving soap is manufactured. This is no hoax specimens of the ore, in its natural condition, and crushed, can be seen at our office, also some soft soap made from the same, is in our possession.

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