SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

Mixed Butter—An Absurd Idea of the Ancients—A Rare Parasite—Egypt Lost Some Age—Electric Locomotive Smoking—The World's Hide Storage Tubes—Fetus Hysteria—Simple Fortbinding—The Enfeebled French.

A method of making good butter from poor by mixture is being exploited by a company in Ireland. The process is the invention of Mr. J. S. Hallen, and consists in moving the poor butter, washing it with a secret or hot water, conditioning and pure buttermilk, the butter-oil dissolves it, and finally churning the emulsion with a strong current of air in certain receivers. The action of the air separates causes the butter globules to take the granular form which is necessary for churning. Starting with some of the worst specimens of butter in the market, the product was found to be clean, really pure, attractive in color and appearance, and to contain only 12 per cent of water.

Lake Tanganyika in Africa offers a unique field for scientific exploration. This region, like Australia, is one of the few localities where animals and plants that have become extinct elsewhere survive. Among the curiosities of the lake are a species of sea bass, which lives from the ocean and is to be found only in fresh water of lakes; a species of sea herring, which is found in