

appeared. Every sign of the ailment had completely gone. I only wish I had tried the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment a bit sooner, it would have saved me a lot of trouble. William Smith, Church Lane, St. Anthan's, Cardiff, Wales, Oct. 25, 1909."

WALES AND THE LATE KING.

The form in which the people of the Principality will perpetuate the memory of the late King Edward will probably not occasion the rivalries between North and South Wales which it was feared would prevent a really national memorial being raised. In all likelihood, writes a Welsh correspondent, the scheme which Mr. Davies, M.P., for Montgomeryshire, has espoused for instituting a national campaign for combating consumption will be the memorial adopted. Since the conference at Cardiff in June Mr. Davis has enlisted the support of many eminent and influential Welshmen, and as the forthcoming conference at Shrewsbury this month, over which the Lord Mayor of Cardiff will preside, his scheme will be presented in a more or less tangible form. Mr. Davies outlined it in an interview. If the principle be adopted, he said, it will be left to a committee representative of each county in Wales, with co-opted experts, to formulate a definite scheme, but he suggests the campaign should consist—(1) in educating the people by lectures, exhibitions, etc.; (2) by forming local dispensaries and having local nurses to attend cases; (3) by erecting sanatoria and homes. Asked how much he estimated it would cost to enow such a campaign, Mr. Davies replied: I should say roughly we should aim at getting from £250,000 to £300,000. There is promised already towards this scheme, he added, a sum of £132,000 from seven people. He thought there there would be no difficulty in raising the remainder.

TRAGIC DEATH IN CO. EIMERICK.

The death is reported from Knocktoran, Elton, of Michael Collins, aged 26, who some days since, while assisting at hay saving, fell on a fork and succumbed to his injuries on Thursday night.



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remain for a long period in a dormant condition, buried within the dry bed of the pond. Old residents of India say that these fish will survive for many years in a state of suspended animation, and that when ponds which have been dry for several successive seasons are suddenly filled by heavy rains, they are found to be swarming at once with full-grown snake-heads.

Recent investigation goes to show that Samson really did pull down the pillars of the temple at Gaza, and allow the roof to drop on the Philistines. Professor Stewart Macalister, has discovered the ruins of eight cities there, dating back to a period 3000 B.C. The excavations at Gaza show how it was that Samson destroyed the temple of the Philistines. The pillars were of wood, and they rested on foundations of stone, without being fastened thereto. The strong man had therefore merely to push these pillars off their supporting stones, when down would come the whole front of the building.

One of the last things the world would expect the glass-worker to create would be a cannon, and yet two cannons have recently been built at some glass works. The guns weigh with their limber, forty pounds each, and measure twenty-four inches in length. They wheel easily, and move on their trunnions like ordinary cannon. The axle-tree and bearings are of ornamental brass. The creations may claim to be of some historic interest in that they are exact models of the famous ordnance with which Major-General Paden-Powell successfully defended Mafeking.

Curious among vegetable growths and one which is seldom seen of men is the rootless cactus of the Californian desert. This plant, a round, compact growth, rolls about the level floor of the desert for some eight or nine months of the year, tossed hither and thither by the winds which blow with fierceness over all of California's sand plateaux, during those months. At the coming of the rains, or rather the cloudbursts, which sweep the desert in its springtime, this cactus takes root wherever it happens to have been dropped by the last wind of which it was the plaything, and immediately begins to put out all around it small shoots, which in turn become cacti, exactly like the parent plant. The roots do not penetrate the soil deeply, but spread often over a circle whose radius is not less than ten feet. These plants get every bit of moisture and plant food to be had in the territory they cover.

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