

NOTES, LETTERS, Etc.

THE MEDICAL DIRECTORY.

MESSRS. J. AND A. CHURCHILL, 7, Great Marlborough Street, W., request us to remind members of the medical profession that all information for the 1904 issue of the *Medical Directory* should be sent to them without any further delay. They state that it will not be safe for any member of the profession to rely on an alteration being possible after October 24th.

THE LUST OF SLANDER.

THE LOSS OF SLANDER.

We have received a letter from Dr. A. Lefingwell, of Boston, Massachusetts, in which he writes as follows: My attention has been called to the editorial in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of July 25th, p. 205, wherein you allege that "on the authority of Dr. Lefingwell, an American antivivisectionist," it has been charged that vivisectors "make use of the sight of dying animals, or torture animals to stimulate lust." Permit me, Sir, in the interest of truth and as a physician and physiologist, to deny that, at any time, I have ever made such a "charge" against physiological investigators. In a letter to United States Senator McMillan, written nearly four years ago, and published by him in a Government report. I took the ground that only men of good character should be allowed the right to experiment upon living animals; and referring to a claim put forth that "no legal restrictions" should define who might or who might not vivisect, I pointed out that one class of men most certainly should be excluded from that privilege. There is not a reputable medical man in Great Britain who would not agree with me in every word I said. You do me some injustice, also, in referring to me as an "antivivisectionist." For nearly a quarter of a century I have argued in favour of the adoption simply of that legal regulation of vivisection which obtains in England, and in all this time I have never written a word which could be construed into advocacy of antivivisection or the legal prohibition of animal experimentation. My views are simply those put forth over and over again in your editorial columns when the question first began to be agitated in England.

THE MISSING LADY DOCTOR.

WE have received a further letter from Mr. E. F. Hickman (57, Courtfield Gardens, South Kensington, S.W.) suggesting that his daughter, Sophia Frances Hickman, M.D., if she have lost her memory, may have found admission to some infirmary, workhouse, hospital, or other institution, and he expresses the hope that officers of such institutions will bear the matter in mind and communicate with him should any person resembling Miss Hickman come under their notice.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

EMPHYSEMA writer: On behalf of those unfortunate who say have to leave home during the winter in search of health, I would suggest that some arrangement should be made to form a list of hotels and boarding houses willing to place a thermometer in every room and to guarantee that the temperature shall be kept over 60° in every part of the house. It would be well also to have an understanding that a variety of food suitable for invalids will be available without pretence of extra trouble and expense.

BROKEN NECK.

U. writes: Here is an ancient tale from family correspondence, dated August 28th, 1758. "Nelly got a sad fright about two weeks ago. They waited dinner for Peggy, but she did not come in time, and Nelly saw her come riding up the avenue. W. she came almost to her door, her horse scared, and Nelly cried out, 'She's a'c'c. Here she was, quite out of joint and she was almost gone, but I may say quite gone. It instantly struck Mr. D. that he would try to give her neck a pull, which he did, but it had no effect the first time, but he thought to himself she was gone, whoever he would give a pull with all his strength, which he did, and it gave a crack, and she recovered instantly. Peggy spoke and said, 'How do you do, Mrs. D.?' The fall had been so sudden she was not sensible she got one—nor nothing that had happened. She was carried in and laid in bed, where she was surprising easy, and able to ride home next day. Was not that remarkable providence?"

ASEPSIS "IN EXCELSIS."

WE have received, from Mr. Fred. Reynolds, of Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, Leeds, a cleverly illustrated pictorial sketch on modern operative procedures under the title of "Aseptic Surgery." The operation room is represented as a bath, and patient, surgeon, assistants, nurse, and spectators are depicted in bathing costume and immersed up to the neck in sterilized water. Instruments and sterilized dressings, etc., are seen floating about on the surface, together with an electric switch for heating the submerged operating table. A telephone to the matron and another to the house-surgeon are suspended from the ceiling, together with an array of irrigators, while the walls are decked with attachments for electric cauteries, drills, etc. Two huge thermometers check the temperature of the air and water, while due observation of the body heat of the patient is assured by the provision of an electric alarm thermometer set at 98.5°. The ventilation is apparently arranged on the same system, since an electric exhaust air fan is seen busily at work in each of the four corners of the bath. Altogether it is a very complete and scientific little theatre that, at first sight, no wonder that patient, surgeons, and nurse all look very pleased with themselves. The spectators, however, look very much the reverse, especially the one who is beating a hurried retreat through the screen of sterilized water which guards the entry to the chamber.

CIRCUMCISION.

MUSALMAN writes: With reference to the question of circumcision, it is by no means certain that this "barbarous mutilation" has not a good deal to be said in its favour. When one contrasts the clean insensitive glands of the Musalman with the irritated, filthy, and malodorous condition almost invariably present in the Hindu and British soldier in India when the prepuce is long and tight, there seems no room for doubt but that the removal of the appendage is often a sanitary improvement. It is evident that the nervous irritation kept up by an irritable mucous membrane constantly covered with decomposing secretions must be constitutionally bad from many points of view, and may produce very evil results. It is also certain that many boys and young men are perpetually tortured by sensations and ideas from the above cause, the reason for which they never suspect, and are unfortunately not told, as the treatment by a little cleanliness with astringents and antiseptics is so easy and so beneficial.

ERRATUM.—In the notice of the appointment of Mr. R. Fox-Symons, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., D.P.H., R.C.P. & S.I., published on August 29th, 1903, p. 483, it should have been stated that he had been appointed Inspector-General of Hospitals of the Transvaal, and not as printed.

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