LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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CHRONIC asks for suggestions as to treatment for the following: A case of tertiary syphilis, two years contracted, excellent general health.

Locally: At angles of mouth, cheeks, fissures, and small ulcers: dry lips with some slight exfoliation; inside the lips, the under lip especially and the cheeks, deodourization of parts of mucous membrane, leaving raw surfaces of various sizes. All of these are cured fast, yet they have not disappeared, without in any case of treatment, the patient being intolerant of potassium iodide in any dose, small or large. Are any less severe but efficient treatments?

TREATMENT OF TERTIARY SYPHILIS.

P. M. writes: Aplomorphine would do well to limit his patient's diet to 12 oz. of meat per day, and avoid over-cooking of meat, and its associated substances, as containing o.s of solids to the pint. I have found the best results from simple treatment. Liquids may be allowed freely, especially between meals.

SOMERSET OYSTERS.

L. K. occasionally receives oysters recoiled from a bed on the river Fal, and finds that about half of them are green. He wants to know if these are the same as various kinds of green oysters, found from the Fal oye their colour to copper. Chemical analyses have shown that the amount of copper per oyster is only a very small fraction of a gram. The consumption of a reasonably moderate number would, therefore, be not likely to lead to any injurious consequences.

WHAT IS DIABETES?

G. G.--Diabetes is the name supplied by the Diabetic Institute. It is said to consist essentially of a preparation of jambul, a drug which has been well-known in the treatment of diabetes for the last thirty years. This is referred to in the British Journal for 1904, vol. 1, p. 28. Jambul has been frequently recommended, but the results have been very uncertain, and on the whole disappointing.

OPTOMOSCOPY.

W. J. M.--(1) In most ophthalmoscopes both mirrors are concave, but the small tilted one is the more curved of the two, and so has the shorter focus. It may be impossible to determine if one needs to see any near object, such as one's eye or nose magnified, while the object increases in size as the mirror is moved away, and until the principal focus is reached, after which it can be seen in its inverted. In this respect it resembles a convex lens. The forms can be easily found on a table or a large hand mirror with a frame and the mirror the size of a large pocket mirror, for measuring of the distance, the more curved the mirror the shorter will be the focus. (2) Any good duplex or circular wire lamp does for this purpose, though it cannot be moved up and down as more convenient. A rather elaborate one for this purpose is supplied by Kerrison, J. Weiss and Sons, 50, Oxford Street, W.

TRADE WINDS.

K. B. D.--There are but two "trade winds"--the north-east, blowing from that quarter to the northward of the equator and the south-east, blowing from that quarter to the southward of the equator. Under these circumstances, however, modify their direction and force. Their causation is not difficult to understand. Heated air rises. Where the earth is hottest—that is, in the neighbourhood of the line—it rises quickest, and since the vacuum of this upward rush of air must be filled, and hence the vacuum of this upward rush of air must be filled, a steady current sets in from the north and south to fill it. Thus the winds, if only modified by their north and south. As a matter of fact, however, they do not, for something does interfere—thunderstorms, for one thing, which baffle the westward, so that north of the line they blow from N.E., and south of it from S.E. They blow in all the oceans save and except in the northern parts of the Indian Ocean, until some supports was reckoned to take long to explain here, but mainly owing to the influence of the tremendous mountains of the Himalayas, which we do not think is, but a very great part of Malaya, where, however, they are in many places of irregular character. We Blow on land (as we do in many cases) but for the fact that many things, such as the unevenness of the land, the altitude and physical character of it, forests, rivers, and numerous other factors, combine prevent them.

RELAPSING ERYTHEMA.

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DR. HAROLD F. W., F.R.C.S. (London), writes: I take pleasure in mentioning that I have been able to demonstrate that the cerebral cortex is the seat of consciousness and volition. To prove this theory, I performed a trachotomy on the corneal conjunctiva, to make an opening in the eyeball and then to wash it with special solutions. This operation has been used for many years in the management of this condition. It was first described by G. J. R. and is still used.

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FIRE IN THE PEACE.

Physiologists will bear with interest the news of the decease of the decapitated frog of the Cornell University. Dr. Wilber, head of the Department of Anatomy there, has long been interested in the nervous system, in which he has especially studied the cerebral cortex. The cerebrum is the seat of consciousness and volition. To prove this, he performed a trachotomy on the corneal conjunctiva, to make an opening in the eyeball and then to wash it with special solutions. This operation has been used for many years in the management of this condition. It was first described by G. J. R. and is still used.

A SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL OF FIBRES.

J. W. (Lake Vertyn) writes: Regarding the paragraph with the above heading, I am an active member of the British Medical Journal of January 28th, which I find to my satisfaction a wise and interesting passage in the Greek (Septuagint) version of Genesis, xii, 24, that says: "If one strike together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he do not, but keepeth his bed: if he rise again and walk abroad about his house and abroad about his field, 13 and he takes his money and pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thrice healed." The words are: "If one strike together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he do not, but keepeth his bed; if he rise again and walk abroad about his house and abroad about his field, and he takes his money and pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thrice healed."" The words are: "If one strike together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he do not, but keepeth his bed; if he rise again and walk abroad about his house and abroad about his field, and he takes his money and pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thrice healed." The words are: "If one strike together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he do not, but keepeth his bed; if he rise again and walk abroad about his house and abroad about his field, and he takes his money and pay for the loss of his time and shall cause him to be thrice healed."

TOO LITTLE BUT TOO TRUE.

The following may find favor with "bowlers" of medical interest. A French boy translated the well known Biblical text which in the Vulgate version runs—Homo meditati praeceptor necessitates as follows:—Dunam hodiernos au meditatis parce quid et est nescius. If that boy had small Latin he had much knowledge of the facts of professional life. Perhaps he was a doctor's son.

EREBUS.—In the list of contents published last week Professor Finlay was described as F.R.E., instead of F.R.E. In the thirtieth line of his letter on The sidelight of Medical Education, published on page 199 after "in the words" meditatis or were accidentally omitted.

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