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LETTERS, NOTES, Etc.,

QUERIES.

Dr. H. C. Rosser (Newport Pagnell) writes: Will some reader kindly say if it is possible to get a village nurse with a fair knowledge of her vocation for the year for 60 per annum, other than the Duchess of Bedford's, which would supply one?

CIRRHOSIS asks for advice in the treatment of a case of Raynaud's disease of long standing (twenty years). The patient has been engaged in work with hot hands for the last few years. The hands have become affected, but the condition never goes beyond that of local oedema, which generalizes in some occasions before the circulation in the hands becomes re-established, and the condition is almost invariably noticed in the morning.

ANSWERS.

COUNTRY PRACTITIONER.—Exophthalmic goitre, which often goes by the name of Graves' disease in this country, is generally called Badow's disease in Germany.

Dr. G. A. C. Brown—Application might be made to Miss Kirby, Honorary Secretary, National Association for Welfare of Febrile, Dependent and Destitute Children, 4 Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, Westminster, S.W.

Dr. L. N. Smith.—We are advised that for the visits to London and to Gloucestershire a guinea a day and 2s. 6d. for travelling expenses would be a reasonable charge in the circumstances stated.

Dr. R. N. Smith.—(1) It scarcely falls within our province to offer an opinion on hotel charges. It is always prudent for patients to obtain exact information on such matters beforehand.

The B.B.E.—Exophthalmic goitre, any private sanatorium almost anywhere would be available.

REX.—Factory surgeons are appointed by H.M. Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, London, S.W. Vacancies are advertised in the Ordinary and may be notified in the weekly list of vacancies appearing in the British Medical Journal.

RHUBARB JAM.

X. Y. Z.—We know of no actual specified poisonous principle which has been isolated from the Rhubarb, from any described condition. Taking into consideration the fact that the jam would contain in small proportion sugar and fat, any sugar, e.g. rice-tannic acid, oxalic acid, arabic acid, and other bodies, it would seem undesirable to eat the jam in a fermented state. It is quite conceivable that the purgative ingredients may be split up by the bacterial change in question into poisonous substances.

INFANT FEEDING.

Dr. Sydney Jackson (Aberdovey) writes: In answer to "Bachelor," inquiring about infant feeding, in the British Medical Journal, July 9th, I think he will find all he wants in Dr. Asbury's Health in the Nursery, published by Longmans. It is a book that can safely be put into the hands of any mother, and gives very safe and clear directions on the point in the management of infants and young children.

Dr. S. H. Hemmingsworth (Leeds) writes: "Bachelor" cannot do better than get The Child's Diet, by J. S. Curgenven (London: H. K. Lewis, 18.6d.) It contains very much practical information, and is written with a view to perusal by the lay reader. It is an excellent little book.

LETTERS, NOTES, Etc.,

WORNS.

Dr. T. O. S. S. A.—Young man of engaging manners who works in a well-known and well-known young man.

Dr. W. W. Woolfscroft (Bionce Street, S.W.) writes: May I draw the attention of your readers to a man aged 40 to 50, about 5 ft. 6 in. in height, close-cut grey hair, clean shaven, fat cheeks, and rather watery eyes. The attendants noted the following matters: when he is affected he is wearing trousers, but not a hat, and the eyes are usually closed. The case is one he has been in Australia for many years. He gives the name of Warren, and is not safe to leave alone. He called on me four years ago, and left with a hypochondriacal idea, and is now at his old practice.

MEDICO-Psychological Association.

Miss A. Helen Boyle (Brighton) writes: The report in the British Medical Journal of the literary and annual meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association represents me as a member of the society. I never made the statement that I did not believe in the increase of insanity in this country, nor do I believe in a decrease in the number of patients long before they become curiously insane. This is done by the Government, by the Asylums, and by the Medical men, and is one of the greatest dangers of insanity in this country.

Quiney as an Abortifacient.

Dr. Wallace Eales (Manchester) writes: Recently I was called to attend a case of abortion occurring at the age of 35 years. The patient was in a superior social position, and came for advice. I suggested the cottage cheese.

The Title of L. S. A.

R. N. L. writes to suggest that the Court and Governors of the Societies of Apothecaries in London and Dublin should petition the King for a Royal charter in order that the Lictorials of these bodies should be capable of an intelligible title. The present title of the Dublin body is the Incorporated Company of Apothecaries in Ireland.

An Appeal.

Capt. Frank E. Gear, R. N., M.C., 20, Tottorling Square, W.C., writes: I beg to acknowledge, on behalf of Mrs. Dode, the following subscriptions, with many thanks:

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The Treatment of Cancer.

Dr. E. Seton Pattison (London, S.W.) writes: In spite of the adverse reports of the French Special Commission on the treatment of cancer by Dr. Doyen's serum, the fact remains that he is able to demonstrate that his serum has a beneficial action in certain cases. I am sure that the man who has visited Dr. Doyen's clinic during the last six months must have been greatly impressed with the improvement in many cases of cancer which apparently were hopeless and had been pronounced to be in Paris early in the year and saw some patients who were under treatment: through the courtesy of Dr. Roe (Dr. Doyen's principal assistant) I had the opportunity of seeing some of these cases three months later, and there was no doubt that the patients under these treatment showed improvement in the patients' local condition and general health, with a diminution of pain and what struck me particularly was the general absence of cachexia. The question of the cause of this effect is still far distant, but if you can even in a few cases relieve pain and arrest for a time the course of the disease before it becomes incurable, I believe mention is made of one class of cases in which the serum has a definitely satisfactory effect. I can well believe that the treatment renders operation extremely difficult or impossible. In many of these cases the use of a "Piqueur" will render the growth both mobile and operable.

The Use of Fugue.

In the description of a case of persistent itching arising from the corona glandis, which was published on July 30th, at page 264, and to the treatment of which "A. S. D." sought suggestions, the word smegma was printed sugar. The urine of the patient, we are informed, is normal, its specific gravity being 1018, neither sugar nor albumen being present.

Section of Otology.—A Correction.

Mr. R. L. A. (Harley Street, W.) writes: In your summary of the Otolological Section, annual meeting of the British Medical Association, I am made to refer to the 'usefulness' of 'anterior perforations.' I said 'uselessness.'

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