**LETTERS, NOTES, AND ANSWERS.**

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**RUSTY-CUS.—Pregnancy is more likely to occur during the week following menstruation than at any other time, but there is no period in the monthly cycle at which pregnancy may not occur.**

**NERVOUS FLATULENCE.**

Dr. J. McOscar (Buxton) writes: My father, an M.D. in the seventies had a patient suffering from nervous flatulence (alcoholic) and used to give acid carbolic pill, one to be taken when needed. This instantly relieved the patient. Since then I have always given it with good results.

**LETTRES, NOTES, ETC.**

Dr. A. G. Carmel (St. Andrews) asks if any others have come across the following form of parasitism: While recently in Sarawak I found a larval ixodine parasitic on a species of Manusonia, mosquito, and on looking up recent works on tropical medicinal plants and trees I found it to be parasitic, except on mammals and birds. After making a thorough examination of dogs and hens in the vicinity, and of a captured monkey, it was apparent that this larval tick belonged to a different order; in fact, those found on both dogs and hens belonged to the Rhipicephalinae, the larvae of which has no eyes, while this larval tick, of which I found ten specimens, and always on the same species of Manusonia, had eyes. I did not find an adult corresponding to this ixodine. A friend in Sarawak told me he often got ticks on him when out in the jungle shooting, and recently sent me one specimen, but it turned out to be the same as those mentioned above, Haeomaphis leachi.

**MAJOR R. J. BLACKHAM, R.A.M.C.,** informs us that on returning recently from India he found that extracts from a paper by him, published in the Journal of the Royal Sanitary Institute, had been embodied by the proprietors of St. Ivel cheese in an advertisement. Major Blackham addressed a letter to the proprietors protesting against this use of his name and the proprietors informed us that they have withdrawn the advertisement in question, though they point out that the advertisement did not suggest that Major Blackham had specially recommended St. Ivel cheese. We are glad that they have taken this course, for members of the medical profession properly object to their services being embodied in advertisements setting out the merits of a particular commodity.

**A WARNING.**

Miss Frances Ede (Upper Berkeley Street, Portman Square, W.) writes to warn the profession in London against a well-dressed man of about 30, who took some silver articles from her waiting-room a few days ago. She adds: He spoke with a foreign accent and presents a card with a foreign name (varied). He wore "fairy" pince-nez and carried a book and a parcel, and was clean-shaven, but called elsewhere without glasses and carrying nothing. He showed us a line in a advertisement, not given by my doorplate, and named a friend, who has no knowledge of him. Two people here could identify him. My telephone No. is 1712, Mayfair.

**LEATHER MAKERS AND ANTHrax.**

Dr. Llewellyn Williams (Wrexham) writes to point out that the inventor of the formic-mercury process for the disinfection of hides, referred to in a paragraph in the British Medical Journal, July 15th, p. 134, is Mr. Alfred Seymour-Jones, of Wrexham, who is an authority on questions connected with the manufacture of leather. We believe that the fact has already been mentioned in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, but are glad to have this further opportunity of calling attention to Mr. Seymour-Jones's investigations.

**A CORRECTION.**

In line 4 of Dr. H. J. Thorp's reply to "Countryside," on irritation of the skin (British Medical Journal, July 22nd, p. 196), read "acid carbolic 80 minims, and in the last line "spiced" for "special," the amended clause to read, "and no spiced food or alcohol."

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