

time that I dared not to relax my grasp. Chance however led me to find a substitute, which is most easily applied, and will, I think, be found by others to be most efficient in its action. The case in which it occurred to me, is perhaps worthy of record. I attended a neighbour of mine, a delicate lady, with her seventh child. The labour was natural, and the uterus contracted firmly after the placenta was expelled. At the end of *two hours* I left her very comfortable; but had scarcely reached my own house, (only a few hundred yards distant,) when the husband ran in requesting my instant attendance, as his wife was supposed to be dying. I rose directly, and instinctively put into my pocket, a "*Salmon and Ody's*" *patent single truss*, which was lying on the table. Upon reaching my patient I found her in a state of syncope; some large coagula were discharged in the bed, and the uterus was expanded to full half its size before delivery. Fortunately the nurse and sister were both women of firm minds; one forced some brandy into the mouth, while the other applied stimulants to the nostrils. I immediately passed my left hand into the uterus, and emptied it, while with my right hand I made pressure externally; contraction took place, and my patient rallied. I now took out my *new-fashioned bandage*, and applying the circular pad to the abdomen, and the other to the spine, (reversing the usual method,) outside the clothes, I made a firm and most agreeable pressure, which was continued for several hours, to the great comfort of my patient. Indeed, at this distance of time, she often speaks of my "*new bandage*." I have used it often since with equal advantage. It may be said that such a bandage is not always at hand, and would be inconvenient to carry in the pocket; but I doubt not such a thing might be made so as to fold up, and yet, by means of a slide, to have strength in the spring. At all events it is not more cumbersome than the forceps, which many practitioners are in the habit of carrying with them to all labours; a custom I must be allowed to say, "more honoured in the breach than the observance."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SENEX.

INTERMARRIAGE OF NEAR RELATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,

I shall be happy to hear the following question discussed or commented on in our very valuable Journal:—

"Is the intermarriage between what may be called double cousins at all likely to lead to an offspring physically and morally inferior to the parents?"

By "double cousins" I mean parties, the offspring of a marriage of two brothers with two sisters.

I sincerely hope soon to see the question discussed in our Journal, by some of the chiefs of our great medical republic.

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly,

X.

Reading, Berks, June 8, 1844,

STATEMENT OF THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The following note has been addressed by Mr. Guthrie to the Editor of the Medical Times:—

"Sir,—I shall be obliged by your doing me the favour not to associate my name, either with the Charter granted to the College of Surgeons, or with the Statement lately published by order. I have had nothing to do with the merits or demerits of either."

"I am, Sir,

Your very obedient, humble servant,

"G. J. GUTHRIE.

"4, Berkeley Street, May, 31, 1844."

MEDICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on James Annesley, Esq., of the Madras Medical Establishment.

Dr. Maunsell has been appointed Secretary to the Council of the College of Surgeons in Ireland.

PROGRESS OF QUACKERY.

It appears from a Parliamentary return, just printed, that the amount of duty on patent medicines, in the ten years ending January 5th, 1844, averaged nearly £30,000 annually. What was the actual consumption?

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

Gentlemen admitted Members on Friday, June 7th 1844:—A. Roberts; G. J. Rose; R. C. Griffith; H. J. Domville; H. Buck; J. F. Cartner; A. Henfrey; F. W. Marshall; G. P. Hubbard.

Admitted Monday, June 10.—W. S. Kirkes; H. Semple; H. Holmes; T. Harrison; D. F. Waters; C. D. Arnot; H. L. Pomfret.

Admitted Friday, June 14.—E. S. F. Arnold; G. Cotton; W. Westall; J. Williamson; J. Gould; H. A. Hore; J. D. Cronin; S. T. Badger; E. Garraway; C. W. Blashfield.

ERRATA.

In the Letter from Dr. Hardwick, No. 10, p. 145, line 3, for diffuse read diffused; line 25, for increased read menaced.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications have been received from the Medical Board of the Gloucester Infirmary; Dr. Toogood; X.; Mr. C. R. Bree; Dr. Bedingfield; Dr. Rumsey; Dr. Ranking; Scalpel; Inquisitor; Mr. Vincent.

The Report of the Birmingham Pathological Society is in type, and will appear in the next number.

It is requested that all letters and communications be sent to Dr. Streeten, Foregate Street, Worcester. Parcels, and books for review, may be addressed to the Editor of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal, care of Mr. Churchill, Princes Street, Soho.