

HOW INFECTION IS SPREAD.

SIR.—At the meeting of the Westminster Sanitary Association, Mr. Ernest Hart, and also, I believe, other speakers, alluded to the practice of allowing healthy children to be exposed to infection from measles, scarlatina, whooping-cough, etc., where the actual patient had only a mild attack. This practice was spoken of as being one followed by ignorant people of the Mrs. Gamp order, who were under the impression that it being a necessity for all children to have such complaints, they had better catch a "good sort." I should like to say that Mrs. Gamp's is not the only class that still holds this opinion; for I know of a case during the past year in which, one child out of five having a slight attack of scarlatina, the medical attendant advised that they "might as well all have it, and get it over." Not only was this done, but two gentlemen in the house who were with the sick children, nursing and playing with them, went to town daily by train, and even to places of public amusement, while the fever was in the house. The medical man in this case is the local officer of health; so, of course, he cannot be an ignorant person; and no harm followed in that house.

I fear Mr. Hart might find fault with the notion of taking a family of children for their first airing after an attack of measles into Whiteley's, at the busiest part of the day; but it has been done, and not by an ignorant person. —I am, sir, yours obediently, M. A.

London, S.W., February 26th, 1883.

THE DOCTOR'S CARRIAGE.

SIR.—Having had a somewhat unpleasant experience of the mode of carriage-keeping mentioned by a member, I would give him the same advice as *Punch* gave to persons about to marry—"Don't!" Rather sell the carriage, and hire the whole from a jobmaster; but, if a member be unwilling to sacrifice so much, I would earnestly advise him to procure from the jobmaster an undertaking, in writing, of all responsibility with regard to accidents; also on no account to employ the same coachbuilder as the jobmaster employs; and, lastly, to give a written intimation to the coachbuilder that he (the member) will not be responsible for any repairs, unless he sends a written order for them to be done. If "A Member" would care for my reasons for this advice, I should be pleased to give them in a private letter to him.—Yours obediently, C. A.

GUIDE TO THE MEDICAL SERVICE.

SIR.—Will you allow me to inquire, through your columns, if there be any guide to the public services, other than the Army, Navy, and Indian Medical Services? I allude to the Insane Asylum Service, the Colonial Medical, and Emigration Medical Service; the Local Government Medical, and Sanitary Medical Service; service with the P. and O., and the various shipping companies; mining appointments, etc. The information may, of course, be obtained by applying to the several offices concerned; and, some of it, by looking into Churchill's *Medical Directory*. But, if there be no special guide to them all, I venture to think that one, to include the Army, Navy, and Indian Services, might be prepared, with advantage to the medical public.—Yours faithfully, CHAS. R. FRANCIS.

Clapham Common, S.W., February 24th, 1883.

*"We are not aware that there is any such guide."

VEGETARIAN COOKING.

SIR.—In reply to "F.R.S.E." in your last issue, I shall be glad to forward him or any other gentleman one of our penny cookery-books on receipt of a couple of postage stamps. It contains over ninety receipts, and is very useful to ordinary mixed feeders, since it shows how many tasty dishes can be prepared without meat. There is a large book on the subject, called *Vegetarian Cookery*, by a lady, price 3s. 6d., which can be got from the Secretary, Vegetarian Society, 56, Peter Street, Manchester.

I should be very glad if any brother medicals who have tried vegetarianism will write me and give me the results of their experiments.—Yours truly, 2, Kingsland Road, E., March 9th, 1883. T. R. ALLINSON, L.R.C.P.Ed.

SPERMATORRHOEA.

We have received several replies to the question asked by "Adrift."

Dr. W. J. ADAM (Bigger) recommends the following prescription, which he learnt from the late Dr. Warburton Begbie. R. Liquoris strychnie 5i; acidi phosphorici dil. 5iv; tinct. cardam. comp. 3vi; infusum calumbæ ad 5viii. Half an ounce morning and evening, in a little water, before food.

Dr. W. SMYTH (Banbridge) suggests dilute phosphoric acid, 20 minims; succus belladonnæ, 5 minims; liquor strychnie 5 minims; infusion of calumba or of gentian one ounce. To be taken morning and midday, and one-fiftieth of a grain of atropia every night at bedtime. The latter he administers in the form of pill, as manufactured by Richardson and Co. of Leicester. As aids to success, he recommends sponging the body with tepid water night and morning, and afterwards rubbing well with a soft fluffy towel. The patient should lie on a hard mattress, with the head high; avoid lying on the back; rise early in the morning, and empty his bladder; and take a fair amount of walking exercise every day. The bowels must be kept regular with two drachms of Rochelle salts in a tumblerful of water, two or three times a week.

REGISTERED RIGHTS.

SIR.—Mr. Rhodes has been made to pay the penalty of his audacity, and will probably find it a powerful stimulus towards obtaining a diploma giving him the "right" to practise. It is hard upon the poor that they should have to submit to treatment from unskilled hands; and, as the Act professes to protect the public as well as the registered practitioners, I think that the latter, who employ the unqualified assistant, exceed their "right," and ought, also, to be made to sing *peccavi*.—Your obedient servant, O.

CONDENSED MILK AND OPERATIONS ON THE EYE.

SIR.—How Mr. Adams could have arrived at the idea that I "attribute cataract in children to excess of sugar," I should be glad if he would explain; for what I stated in my letter of February 17th was, "for this (the condensed milk) was undoubtedly the cause (not of cataract) but of failure (of the operation) in this poor child." It is Mr. Adams that makes "unfounded assertions," when he puts things forward that I have not stated.

In answer to Dr. Lees, there was no rickets or congenital syphilis, and the child was apparently well nourished, and fit in every way for operation.—Yours obediently, EDWARD M. OWENS.

The Hydropathic Establishment, Leamington.

HYPERIDROSIS.

SIR.—Your correspondent "M.D." will, I think, find the following pill efficacious: Atropiæ sulph. gr. 1/16; camphor gr. 1/16; zinc oxid. gr. 1/16; to be taken twice or thrice daily.—I am, etc., H. A. L.

FLATULENCE.

SIR.—I have found the sulpho-carbolate of soda, in twenty-grain doses, give relief in some cases. Ten minims of tincture of nux vomica may be added, twice or three times a day.—I am, etc., A MEMBER.

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