VIVISECTION LITERATURE.

To the list of published literature on the subject of Vivisection, at page 109 of last week's Journal, may be added The Influence of Vivisection on Human Surgery, by Mr. Sampson Gamgee; a second edition of which was published by Messrs. J. and

THE VALUE OF PHOSPHATES.

SIR,—I observe that Mr. Laws has published a letter on the value of phosphates, etc., sent by the rivers into the sea from the large towns.

You will find that Dr. William Budd, in the Address on Medicine delivered at the annual meeting of the British (then Provincial) Medical Association at Northampton in 1844, anticipated Mr. Laws. I heard his remarks. Dr. Budd's address was printed in the Transactions of the Association. It seems to me that it would be desirable, in the interests of the profession, to claim this priority.—Yours faithfully,

Cranleigh, Guildford.

COLERIDGE AND OPILM.

Sir,—I am much obliged to Mr. Image for noticing my query, but his reply, in the Journal of December 27th, does not meet it. I asked (December 13th) for information from those who "had seen large doese administered." Mr. Image's remembrance is of what he heard in his boyhood. Did his father personally ascertain the truth of the old woman's story? She may have told lies about her laudanum. It is an expensive drug, and a gallon a week is more than a plut a day; a costly indulgence for an old gin-drinker.—Your obedient servant, D.

HIMROD'S ASTHMA-CURE.

SIR,—If H. E. T. will refer to Martindale's Extra Pharmacopaia, page 223, he will flud a formula resembling that for Himrod's cure. In the Journat, for last September, page 465, I published a formula for a powder which I have found very efficacious in asthma.—I remain, yours, etc.,

Nearborough.

W. H. Beverley, L.R.C.P.Lond.

VARICOSE VEINS.

SIR,—I have under my care a robust young man, aged about 30, whe, after walking a short distance, complains of a tired feeling, from the knees down, hardly amounting to pain. On examination, I find, apparently, a varicose condition of the veins under the integument, and little hard pellets seemingly in these veins. The hardness is in some instances about half an inch in length. Treatment has been unsuccessful, so I will feel much obliged for any hints I may receive: and

Dr. Atkinson (Pontefract).—We should need to see the apparatus, and have it tested, before passing an opinion on its value.

tested, before passing an expension of the property of the blind to which young adults may be admitted without subscribers' votes, and at no very great expense? It is not at all uncomnon for me to meet blind people, healthy in all respects except as to their eyes, condemned to lifelong pauperism because of their blindness; and I am anxious to learn the best means of obtaining for them tuition, by which they may earn a living.—I am, sir, yours are the first of the property o faithfully, Great Yarmouth.

JUNIOR PRACTITIONER.—It is not safe to pass from attending a case of scarlatina to the lying-in room. Before undertaking a case of labour, the practitioner should have his clothes disinfected by heat, or change them entirely, and expose himself freely to the open air. Much may also be done to limit the source of infection, by care in the room and house occupied by the scarlatina patient.

ERRATA.

IN Dr. H. T. Wharton's letter in the JOURNAL of December 27th, p. 1320, for "partitior genitior," read "partitive genitive." In the same number, at page 1286, col. ii, line 9, for "Lund," read "Lunn;" and at page 1292, col. i, lines 4 and 5, for "Woolridge," read "Wooldridge."

NEVUS ON LIP AND GUMS.

DR. L. W. MARSHALL (Nottingham) writes:—Mr. Wilkins would probably find electrolysis the most suitable means for treating his case. I have found large nevi on the eyelids do admirably when treated in this way; as also have several on the lips when affecting both surfaces.

A REMEDY FOR STREET NOISES.

SIR,—Owing to illness and long residence in tropical climates, I, some years ago, became morbidly sensitive to noises of every kind, and procured complete relief in the following way.

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I placed some spermaceti-ointment in the centre of a little aquare of thin limp cotton, brought the corners together, tied them with thread, and inserted one of the little plugs well into each ear, and found—after a little kneading and gentle pressure—that I was absolutely deaf to all ordinary noises, such as the loud barking of dogs, and the rumbling of heavy carriages in the streets.

A couple of points must be carefully attended to. The ointment must not be too soft, the quantity about the size of a small pea, and the little bag must be somewhat larger than its contents, to allow the plug to take the shape of the auditory canal. If the bag be too small, or its contents too large, it cannot be inserted into the ear, and if applied only to the orifice, it entirely fails in its object.

object.

This little experiment is easily tried, and a daily experience of over twelve months warrants me in saying that it will be found invaluable in the sick-room.

—Your obedient servant,

M.D.

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