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ERGOTIN FOR HYPODERMIC USE.

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M. N. G. writes: Will Dr. Robertson, or any of your readers, kindly inform me if I can obtain anywhere a stable ready-made solution of ergotin for hypodermic use, which will not spoil with time, and is not likely to cause local irritation, and is efficacious withal. Failing that, I would ask the following questions. 1. What is the best preparation for hypodermic use? 2. What is the quantity to be used? 3. With what, and to what, extent should it be diluted? 4. Is there any way of preventing the local irritation which is said to follow generally? 5. Is there any place of election for injection, or should it be in the mammary region in hemophysis, and in the hypogastric region in uterine hemorrhage preferably, or would injection at the arm do just as well? 6. How often may the injection be repeated? 7. Are there any advantages in using sclerotic acid in preference to ergotin? 8. If so, what is the quantity to be used? 9. What makers' is the best? Detailed information on these points will be of use to many practitioners with whom the difficulty in trying treatments recommended often is (1) what to use, (2) how much to use, (3) how to use.

MEDICAL STUDY IN GERMANY.

- A. V. writes: I wish to study medicine in Germany for some time, but am not well up in the language. Under these conditions, might one attend the practical classes there at any of the universities to any advantage? I have heard tical classes there at any of the universities to any advantage? I have heard that most of the teachers in these classes are able to speak English, and that it is no uncommon thing for students to go there to study without a knowledge of the language.
- N. T. asks for a suggestion as to a good book on diseases of children for the use of a busy country practitioner.

THE NOMENCLATURE OF DISEASE.

G. M. C. asks: Why is not the official Nomenclature of Disease issued by the General Medical Council? Surely it is a more representative body than the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of London.

ANSWERS.

SYNTAX should append his name to the criticisms which he offers of the skill of

A HEALTH-RESORT WANTED.

IN reply to "A Member," "M.B." asks: What better place could "A Member" have for an antirheumatic climate and surroundings than the town of Droitwich, with its powerful brine-baths, so efficacious in rheumatic affections, and very central, with a lovely country round it, and well supplied with railway accommodation? Any further information "A Member" might require, he would gladly give him." would gladly give him.

MEDICAL CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

- In reply to "A.M.D.," Brigade-Surgeon E. D. Tomlinson recommends Mr. H. K.
 Lewis's library, which he has used for more than twenty years. He has always
 been well supplied with the latest editions of books, and has been courteously
- Dr. T. P. Harvey.—Quacks of this kind thrive upon notoriety. The man does not assume any medical title, and publicity in a professional journal would not

NOTES, LETTERS, ETC.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

In the report of the discussion on Messrs. Barwell and Jacobson's papers at this
Society, the name of Mr. Charles Stewart, as one of the speakers, was erroneously substituted in the JOURNAL of April 3rd for that of Dr. Garson.

PROPHYLACTIC ADMINISTRATION OF QUININE.

F.(Capetown), after thirty years' experience in every malarious climate, is firmly of belief that quinine given in three-grain doses, as a prophylactic, to any person for a month previously to his subjection to special malarial influences, will be attended with results which will surprise the giver. If only given when men are suffering from fever, the results will be as surprisingly disappointing.

MR. E. GARRAWAY (Faversham) writes: The United Kingdom Railway Officers and Servants' Association, in issuing their annual statistics, record that, of eight hundred million passengers who travelled by rail in twelve months, one in twenty-two millions is killed from causes beyond his or her control. Assuming that our first parents were located in the garden of Eden six thousand years ago, then—had Adam purchased a season-ticket on the day of his creation, and taken a railway journey every day up to the present time, and, his life being prolonged, would so continue until the year of our Lord 56,158—it is probable that, in the course of that time, he would come to be killed. In other words, one may reasonably calculate upon being smashed up, upon an average, once in 60,273 years. True, this untoward event might happen to-morrow, but then the consolation remains that it would not come to one's turn to be killed again for 60,273 years more. Could any man sit by his own fire-side for this period without some calamity happening? Manifestly, the safest condition in life is the interior of a railway carriage. Take a perpetual ticket on a well-appointed line, beg the guard to lock you securely in a first-class compartment, and you will never die—at least, from accident.

SEWAGE-FARMS.

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DR. E. F. S. GREEN (South Norwood) writes: Since I wrote to you on the proposed extension of the sewage-farm in this neighbourhood, the corporation have made certain alterations of their plans. They propose not to extend the farm nearer to Portland Road than 300 yards, and to extend the Albert Road in a parallel line to South Portland at that d stance from it. The Albert Road will then be one of the boundaries of the sewage farm. This alteration is so far good in its way; but if they had also engaged not to extend it so far towards the Harrington Road, it would have been better. I enclose a map, taken from the newspaper, not for publication, but for you to see. It is difficult to find any authority as to how near a sewage farm can come into a populous neighbourhood with safety. Perhaps you could give me some information, taking into consideration the nature of ground, etc., as explained in my last letter.

THE LIBRARY OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGRONS THE LIBRARY OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEORS.

A FREQUENT SUFFERER complains, as many other correspondents have done before, of the intolerable inconvenience which results from the frequent closing of this library at a very short notice. When the new Examination Hall is completed, the inconvenience will no doubt cease. In the meastime, it is difficult to suggest how it can be obviated; although, perhaps, something might be done by collective action on the part of the Fellows and Members.

ERRATUM.—In the leading article on Enucleation, JOURNAL, April 17th, p. 747, line 21, for "3 and 3.3 per cent," read "3 and 3.3 per 1,000."

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