

On seeing her, however, a month after the accident, I was struck with the valvular, stridulous breathing and brassy phonation, and on further inquiry I found there was a persistent soreness at the top of the left lung, pain on stooping, and partial aphonia in the mornings. Feeling convinced that all the bone was not ejected, I tried again to get her to accompany me to the surgeon; but persuasion was futile. So the case dragged on, and all the nostrums took their turn in a trial, until, at the expiration of five months and a fortnight, she coughed up a complete vertebra of a rabbit, measuring at its largest diameter three-quarters of an inch.

Perhaps, next to a carious jagged tooth with a suppurating pulp, or a fish-hook, no worse object could possibly have entered the rima, and it seems remarkable, on viewing the needle-like spinous process, that critical inflammatory symptoms had not supervened during its presence or spasm during its attempted exit. Immediate relief from the severe symptoms was the result, and she was once more able to sleep with comfort on her left side. It is noteworthy that the patient possesses a very vaulted palate, and I have thought it possible that a suddenly violent inspiration in such deformities might cause a foreign body to be "focussed" by the rebounding air just into the intruding mæstrodium that surrounds the temporarily paralysed laryngeal muscles.

THE CLIMATE OF BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

DR. EDWARD H. RYAN-TENISON, F.R.Met.Soc. (Bexhill-on-Sea) writes: I beg to enclose the following data concerning my meteorological work at Bexhill-on-Sea during the year 1889. Most of the work is from personal observation, but the results are, on the whole, sufficiently accurate to make me feel that this younger member of the English seaside health resorts has a right to rank high. The days on which rain fell are by no means all of them rainy all day. The average rainfall for the past eleven years has been 28 inches per annum. The prevailing wind resultant is S.W. to N.E.; the S.W. is usually present in the form of strong sea breeze, but the N.E. is seldom more than a pleasant land breeze.

	Hours of Sun- shine from Personal Observation.	Mean Tempera- ture.	Number of days on which any Rain Fell.	Prevailing Winds.		
January ...	64 ³ / ₁₀	40°	14	W. 13	...	E. 14
February ...	77 ³ / ₁₀	39.5°	23 (snow on 12)	W. 15	...	E. 11
March ...	116	40.5°	17 (snow on 3)	W. 15	...	E. 12
April ...	152	45°	21	W. 12	...	E. 9
May ...	242	55°	11	W. 6	...	E. 7
June ...	292 ³ / ₁₀	61°	5	W. 11	...	E. 12
July ...	249 ³ / ₁₀	61°	18	W. 21	...	E. 6
August ...	245 ³ / ₁₀	59.5°	18	W. 25	...	E. 3
September ...	230 ³ / ₁₀	55.5°	6	W. 16	...	E. 10
October ...	139	50°	24	W. 27	...	E. 3
November ...	84 ³ / ₁₀	40°	3	W. 8	...	E. 8
December ...	86 ³ / ₁₀	38.5°	14	W. 17	...	E. 9
Total ...	1,979 ³ / ₁₀	Mean 49.125°	Tots. 170	W. 186	...	E. 104

PATIENTS' STATEMENTS.

EVERY practitioner knows how frequently patients and their friends, owing to a want of acquaintance with medical terms, entirely misrepresent the opinions expressed by their medical advisers. A ludicrous instance is given by a correspondent of the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*. A young woman applied for treatment on account of defective vision. After an examination, she was told that she was suffering from retinal separation in the right eye. The report spread by her friends, however, was that "the doctors have all concluded that the matter with Sophia's eye is a suppuration of the lining of her rectum."

Such a blunder is so extremely absurd that it could do no harm, but very often the misrepresentation is less gross, and we suspect that in many cases practitioners have suffered in reputation both with the public and the profession. The greatest caution ought invariably to be exercised in accepting the statements of patients as to the opinions expressed by their previous advisers.

ERRATUM.—In Dr. A. D. Keith's letter on "The Forceps: a Death-Trap," in the *JOURNAL* of January 18th, second line, for "describes" read "desiderates."

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