

that he may easily follow instructions in books for manipulations or movements, that he may learn almost anything from any teacher—music, handicraft, etc.—without that teacher at some time losing his patience. A problem which someone no doubt can elucidate, but which has for years puzzled me, is this: If I ceased to learn to write back-side foremost with my left hand when I was about 7, and have hardly practised the art since then, why, to-day, is my mirror-writing not much worse than my ordinary handwriting?

** We reproduce below the postscript to Dr. Bell's letter, written with his left hand:

for this please write with left hand. I am sure
of it. I have tried to write with right hand
and it is impossible. I can only write with left
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"New Treatments for Old"

Dr. A. CLARK (Kenton, Harrow) writes: May I, as an ordinary general practitioner, venture to protest against some of the remarks of Lord Horder in his article "New Treatments for Old," appearing in the *British Medical Journal* of May 20th? While agreeing with many of his points, I take exception to his attack on many of the smaller firms of manufacturing chemists. I am particularly offended by his denouncement of arthrytin and antibacsyn, both of which products are well known to me and, in my experience, have given excellent results. Concerning antibacsyn particularly, I can say from personal experience that it is one of the most remarkable therapeutic agents it has been my good fortune to discover. The makers' explanation of its action does not concern me. What does interest me are the results I have obtained, which leave no doubt in my mind as to its great efficacy in all types of bacterial infections. In these circumstances I think it rather unfair that a man of such great standing in the medical world should so completely condemn it. . . . Surely an open mind and a lively curiosity are the guiding qualities in all experimental endeavour.

Antibody Products, Limited (Watford), write: In your issue of last week Lord Horder mentions our products antibacsyn and antimalignyn by name in such slighting terms that we feel you will allow us the courtesy of your columns to rebut some of the harsh statements he makes about these preparations. "These names offend." Why? The name antibacsyn was dictated by the main action of this substance—namely, its polyvalent, antibacterial action. He is distressed because they suggest that a number of disease processes which are widely different are all of them amenable to the same chemical substance. We have clinical reports indicating that many medical practitioners are satisfied that antibacsyn is effective in a wide range of diseases caused by bacteria of an endotoxic nature. He seems to grieve that the older specific therapy should have to give way to the newer non-specific methods; but just as protein-shock methods may prove beneficial in very diverse complaints, though we may not in the least know how, so it is not impossible to imagine a chemical serum derivative that may have the same effect without the discomforts attendant on protein-shock therapy.

"One of the Best for Cancer"

A correspondent giving an address in Liverpool sends the following ingenuous communication: I discovered the treatment for internal cancer. My firm belief is that all external cancer comes from internal cancer. My discovery is not my own, only through long study from Professor Judah Levitt which I claim he was the biggest medical man in his time because he says in his diary how to diagnose cancer without any x-ray or blood test and he gives you the nature from which it could develop, and he gives you the cure for it, which I have tried several cases and in every case showed my great success, killed the pain and prolonged life. I cannot see the reason why medical men should not try this treatment to relieve the whole world from this dreadful disease. I am almost certain that the doctors are using medicines out of old Egyptian books, also from a book the name of which is "Rambon" that is translated into various languages. I would like to have a debate with all medical men from all England to convince them that the treatment from Prof. J. Levitt is one of the best for cancer. I could assure you that if Prof. J. Levitt was alive still he would be the greatest man in the world with his remedies. You may alter this story to your own liking, also there are a few testimonials if required.

Mobile Sanitation

The Elsan system of chemical sanitation has for years proved valuable wherever it is impracticable to install a drainage system, especially during late years in passenger aircraft and motor coaches. Its most recent application suggests a wide field of usefulness. The organizers of the British Hospitals Air Pageant, which has just commenced a six months' tour of the country, including about two hundred towns, were faced with the difficult problem of providing suitable lavatory accommodation for the spectators of their display. The firm of Duple Bodies and Motors, in response to their appeal, constructed in seven days two bodies of an entirely novel design and fitted them on one of the new three-ton Morris commercial chassis and a Harrow trailer. These vehicles consist of mobile sanitary conveniences, fitted with the Elsan equipment, for men and women respectively. The motor vehicle contained five closets and the trailer three and a urinal, together with wash-basins. The vehicles are enamelled white inside and finished outside in bright red. The entrances and exits are very wide, and fitted with folding steps and handrails. These outfits should prove of great value to municipalities and undertakings who have to improvise conveniences for large crowds in the open air. They would, for instance, add greatly to the amenities of Derby Day and Bank Holidays.

Visit to Soviet Russia

PROFESSOR JULIAN HUXLEY, MR. C. MANSELL-MOULLIN, F.R.C.S., and Dr. JOHN MARRACK write: It is proposed to organize a tour of doctors and scientists to the U.S.S.R., and the first party will leave London Bridge by Soviet ship for Leningrad on July 1st. The return journey will cost £22 to £36 inclusive, according to the type of accommodation selected. The party will spend a total of sixteen days in Russia—three days in Leningrad, five days in Moscow, then there are three alternatives: (a) Gorky, down the Volga to Stalin-grad-Leningrad; (b) Rostov/Don, Kharkov-Leningrad; (c) Kharkov, Kiev-Leningrad. Meetings will be arranged, which members of the party will be invited to address, and there will be excursions, with guides, to scientific institutions of interest to members. It is suggested that parties shall consist of about ten in number to facilitate arrangements. Parties may be arranged to leave London at a later date if there is a demand for such parties. The latest date for receiving applications for the party leaving London on July 1st is June 15th. All inquiries should be addressed to the secretary of the S.C.R., 1, Montague Street, W.C.1.

Victory 4 per cent. Bonds

A CORRESPONDENT writes: There must be many members of the British Medical Association who are holders of Victory 4 per cent. Bonds, the present value of which is £109. These bonds are redeemable next month at par. But for the fact of the drawing, these bonds are an excellent investment. It may not be generally known to the profession that, for the sum of 3s. to 4s. per £100 bond, insurance can be effected against the risk of drawing, and by so insuring the holder avoids loss of capital if drawn. Information on this subject may be obtained by members from their bank managers or brokers.

Corrigendum

In a report of Dr. A. R. Friel's remarks on zinc ionization, at the discussion on chronic suppurative otitis media, in the *Journal* of May 13th (p. 826, column 1) the words "in the necrosed area" (line 6) should be deleted, and "sepsis in the inaccessible area" (line 15) should read "sepsis in the accessible area."

The summer number of *Punch* devotes much attention to the problems and predicaments of the holiday maker, and picnickers especially will sympathize with Bertram France's patient, who tells his elderly medical adviser that "they are mostly insect-bites, but some of them were made by hailstones."

Messrs. Maggs Bros. have recently published a catalogue (No. 582) of their manuscripts and books on medicine, magic, astrology, and natural science arranged in chronological order, as well as their portraits and autographs of physicians and scientists.

Vacancies

Notifications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 54 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 52 and 53.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 235.