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SIR,—I am unable to throw any additional light on this subject; and I write only to point out the strange discrepancy which exists between the published accounts. Almost every letter which has lately appeared in the JOURNAL gives a description differing from the rest in some important particular. Thus, in the JOURNAL for July 3rd, Dr. R. M. Wilson states that the rash appears suddenly, with hardly any period of invasion, and that it is entirely gone by the third day. In Aitken's Practice of Medicine, the eruption is said to appear on the third or fourth day, and to continue for from six to ten days. Dr. Dyce Duckworth has lately reported a case with twenty days' incubation, and prodromata for thirty-six hours. Dr. Tilbury Fox, again, describes the rash as dusky-red and papular; says there are no catarrhal symptoms; the disease is not contagious. Aitken states that crimson stigmata first appear, rapidly running into irregularly shaped patches, with obtuse angles; whereas, in the JOURNAL, the eruption has, I think, lately been described as indistinguishable from that of measles.

I have myself recently seen a case in which a rash appeared on the face and hands, with slight sore-throat and pyrexia. At about the sixth day, when I was called in, the hands were thickly covered with highly-elevated papules, some of which were semivesicular; so that, from the mere appearance of the cruption, I should have diagnosed variola. The face, however, was then quite clear. The total absence of pyrexia, and a history of somewhat similar cases following each other at short intervals (in a young ladies' school), forced me to consider it rötheln. The rash in this case lasted fully ten days. I did not see the others, but was told that in them the rash was not nearly so elevated, and only persisted two or three days.

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I would ask whether distinct affections are confounded together as rötheln, or whether one and the same disease has a wide range of variation in symptoms and course? My own case points rather to the latter solution .- I am, et

P. H. R.—We would rather not give an opinion, but should prefer that our correspondent be advised by some one who knows better than we can all the circumstances. We can say, however, that it does not seem to us, under the circumstances, that it at all necessarily follows, that separate visits should be counted for each person in the house, seeing that they are all children of the same family and ill at the same time; and five shillings to seven and sixpence a visit would, we presume, be a very moderate remuneration; but we by no means imply that it would be sufficient if the circumstances of the patients admitted a higher rate. Such matters involve a great many complicated questions, which cannot be settled on the imperfect data supplied to us, or, indeed, otherwise than by local knowledge. The original sum asked by our correspondent does not appear to us excessive, but, nevertheless, it might be advisable, if the plea put in be a valid one, to accept it in some modified form. some modified form.

A SOURCE OF TYPHOID FRYER.

SIR,—You will oblige me by inserting the following remarks in the JOURNAL. From time to time, I have had cases of typhoid fever under my care when the local dispositions were anything but favourable for such, nor was I able to trace their origin to a typhoid source. What struck me as rather remarkable in connection with these cases was their occurring in houses where persons who were much about them prior to and during their illness had leucorrhead discharges, and none of which persons got the typhoid. The idea has occurred to me frequently (and no work that I have looked into on the subject alludes to it as an origin of the disease) that perhaps the matter which produces typhoid fever may be or reside in some special kind of uterine or vaginal secretion. Not being connected with any institution, and my scope for observation in private being limited, I am anxious that those who have ample opportunities should have their attention drawn to the above statement, which may turn out to be only a coincidence. In any case, there seems to me a wide field open for investigating the effects of uterine and vaginal secretions in their various states on the human constitution.—Yours truly,

J. P. Dovle, L.R.C.S.I., L.K.Q.C.P.I.

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It is certainly astounding that there should exist at the present day men in our ranks whose minds are not yet clear as to the efficacy of vaccination. Scepticism upon such a subject, which does not admit of argument, can only have its origin in arrant bigotry or profound ignorance. But that men should be found bearing medical titles, bold enough and sufficiently arrogant to make known, by publishing in the daily papers, views altogether opposed to recognised and unquestionable fact, is to be much deplored. Neither Jenner nor any of his followers have ever claimed for vaccination more than experience has taught us to expect from it. "Duly and efficiently performed, it will protect the constitution from subsequent attacks of small-pox as much as that disease itself will. I never expected it would do more; and it will not, I believe, do less." So wrote Jenner upwards of eighty years ago; and time has shown him to be pretty correct in his deductions.

Everyone knows that it is not maintained for vaccination that it is a sure and certain protection against small-pox, even should the operation have been in all respects efficient. And this principle was held by Jenner. There are peculiar constitutions which neither vaccination nor small-pox itself will preclude from recurrent attacks, as was exemplified in the case of a negro, who was known to have been the subject of no less than ten infections. Implicit faith would take the place of unbelief were sceptics placed in the position which some of us have had to occupy. Consign them unprotected in charge of an isolated community, in which the disease, in a malignant form, might be performing its ravages, with all its attendant horrors; and it would be amusing to see how readily these recisants would avail themselves of Jenner's great discovery, and bare the arm to receive the point of the lancet imbued with magic power.— I remain, your obedient servant,

George Worthington.

THE DEAF AND DUMB.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you, or any of your correspondents, can give me the address of any institution in which the dumb are taught to talk; and I should also like to know if a girl born dumb, but not deaf, with no apparent malformation of the mouth or throat, could be taught to talk in such an institution. The girl has evidently a taste for music; she can hum a tune, though she cannot utter a syllable.—Relieve me yours truly.

M. A.

THE BRUSSELS M.D.

SIR,—In answer to the query of "Medicus" in last week's JOURNAL, I would advise him to read Green's Pathology, and the article on Mental Diseases in the second volume of Reynolds' System of Medicius. Parkes' Hygiene is the best, especially as the examiner expect the candidate to be well up in the contents of this book. With regard to the other subjects, I need not specify authors; but, concerning anatomy, your correspondent should take care to at least know the contents of Heath's little book.—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

M.D. BRUSSELS.

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MR. G. RENDLE (Forest Hill) draws attention to the fact that, in the fortieth report of the Registrar-General, it is recorded that, during the year 1877, one death occurred from "Poison from Alpaca" and three from "Woolsorters' Disease".

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IR,—Would you kindly ask, through the medium of your JOURNAL, what is the best preparation to use to prevent the falling-off of the hair? This is a question that is nearly always left to quacks; so I should like to have the opinion of some of the leading members of our profession.—I remain, yours truly,

W. A.

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