by hop-poultices, etc. Tincture of aconite painted over painful nerves, aconitine, by hop-poultices, etc. Tincture of aconite painted over painful nerves, aconitine, ruguentum veratrize, or other anodyne local applications, will help. A few drops o tehloroform in the palm of the hand, held down air-tight over any particularly painful spot, give relief. Whatever is done to the arm should be done with gentleness; even shampooing may injure; all movement aggravates the evil; rest, and support of the arm in a comfortable position, now and then varied, are essential. Neuromatous tumours should be looked for; also neighbouring exostosis, caries, necrosis, periostitis, glandular swelling, chronic abscess, also pressure of tight garments in the axilla. For the processing the confidence of the confidence of the support of

Both local and general treatment are, of course, guided by the opinion formed Roth local and general treatment are, of course, guided by the opinion tormed from all possible evidence as to the nature and cause of the pain. It may be mixed up with myalgia, or with rheumatism, or with rheumatic gout; or with true gout; or it may be a pure neuralgia, periodic, and needing quinine (eight grains every four hours); or with simple debility and feeble pulse, removable by iron (citrate or black oxide) and port-wine; or associated with vascular tension, and curable by mitroglycerine, long known to me as an important and useful remedy. My son sinds chloride of ammonium, in thirty-grain doses, every two hours for a short time, very efficacious. I have no doubt that hypophosphites would also do good.

—I am, sir, your obedient servant, W. E. C. NOURSE, F.R.C.S. Exeter. November 22nd. 1880. -I am, sir, your obedient servant, Exeter, November 22nd, 1880.

REPORTED RECOVERY OF SPEECH.

In the gourse of a case heard at the Worship Street Police Court, in which Victor Seymour and Alexander Murdan were charged with burglary and robbery, at 16, Summerford Road, Stoke Newington, it was stated that the son of the prosecutor was threatened with violence by the prisoners, and he was so terrified by them that, though he had been dumb for years, he suddenly recovered the power of speech, and had since retained it. The prisoners were remanded.

Erratium.—In the Journal of November 13th, p 797, col. 2, line 50, for "House-Surgeon", read "Honorary Surgeon".

FEES FOR CERTIFICATES.

SIR,—In reply to the communication of "Fidelis" in the JOURNAL for November 20th, as to what is the "custom" about fees for certificates of death to insurance offices, I begt to say that, for every such certificate, I charge a guinea. For years past, I have done so invariably; and, within the last ten days, I have received two such fees from the solicitors who applied for the certificates. I enclose my card; and many course set. remain, yours, etc.,

LAM. D.—Plain speaking on sexual subjects may be desirable; but we are disposed to regard the subject suggested as one bordering on obscenity, and unfit for dis-

TREATMENT OF RINGWORM.

SIR,—Allow me to inform "Fleet-Surgeon" that a well known Bombay firm of chemists, in 1871 or prior to that date, presented chrysophanic acid to the notice of the medical profession as the active principle of goa powder, and proposed it as a substitute. Doubtless, since that time, many Bombay Presidency practicers and others have used if for the cure of tropical principus. I have investibly done so

substitute. Doubtless, since that time, many Bombay Presidency practitioners and ethers have used it for the cure of tropical ringworm. I have invariably done so when I could get it, and have always looked upon its employment as a dermal parasiticide as being its original and most legitimate mode of use.

A Malay remedy is probably as effective as chrysophanic acid. I refer to the leaves of the "Cassia Alata"—a shrub which grows all over Penang, Malacca, and Singapore, and in some districts of India. It is mentioned in Waring's Bazbar Remedies. The leaves may be pounded in an iron mortar, with the addition of a few drops of spirits of wine or acetic acid, and the pulpy fuice rubbed in two or three times daily. The native sometimes soaks the unbruised leaf in rum, kafala, or shamshoo, and applies. The curative effect of the former mode of application is almost immediate.

In default of being able to lay hold of these remedies, a solution of bichloride of mercury in water, from two to six grains per ounce (the weaker in the neighbourhood of the scrotum) will be much more rapidly curative than iodine caustic or iodide of sulphur. Boracic acid, or carbolic acid, in glycerine and water, are much water between the production of the caustic or iodide of sulphur.

nodde of sulphur. Boracic acid, or carbolic acid, in glycerine and water, are much more beneficial than these latter substances.

The disease, named on the West Coast of India "Malabar itch"; in other wet districts of India, "Dhobic washerman's itch"; in Burmah, "Burmese ringworm"; in Penang, Malacca, and Singapore, "Straits ringworm"; and in Hong Kong, "Chinese ringworm"; is one and the same, viz., tropical ringworm; and it would be a convenience if dermatologists would decide whether the scientific name of this disease is to be "timea circinata" or "timea imbricata".—Yours faithfully,

FORBES DICK, M.D., Surgeon-Major A.M.D.

Sir, -Your correspondent advocates the treatment of ringworm by chrysophanic acid. No doubt it is a valuable remedy for tropical ringworm (a more luxurious acid. No doubt it is a valuable remedy for tropical singworm by enrysophanic acid. No doubt it is a valuable remedy for tropical singworm (a more luxurious plant than that generally seen in England), and I have used it myself in several smok cases from Burmah, etc. I have also used it for the severer forms of ringworm, kerion, and especially for favus, which latter disease requires a strong irritant to overcome it. But I think in the ordinary cases of ringworm in England, it is too vesicant an application, and for children especially.—I am, sir, yours truly, 17, Sackville Street, W., November 17th, 1880.

JAMES STARTIN.

A MEMBER. - Dr. H. M. Kingsley on Oral Deformities. Published by H. K. Lewis, London; price 16s.

TREATMENT OF SEA-SICKNESS. -A great deal has been written on the treatment of the above troublesome com-IR,—A great deal has been written on the treatment of the above troublesome compaint; but, as far as I can see, no writer seems to have hit the real point. Dr. Whittle has recommended the recumbent posture; here, I think, he is quite right, but he stops short of naming the proper position, to which I will refer shortly. In my opinion, the stomach is simply obliged to reject its contents from an irritated pneumogastric nerve. The cause of the whole malady seems to me to be a temporary withdrawal of blood from the medulla oblongata. Keep the circulation though the havin areas to maintained and a faiting or subscupent sickness will porary withdrawal of blood from the medulla oblongata. Keep the circulation through the brain, properly maintained, and no fainting or subsequent sickness; will occur. When a student, I had occasion to cross from Newhaven: to Dieppe. The sea was very rough; and, feeling queer, I went below into the saloon and lay down, but instead of resting my head on the cushion, I let it hang down slightly below the level of the sofa; in that position I was at once relieved, and remained so to the end of the voyage. The moment I raised my head above the level of the under shoulder, all the horrid sensations returned. Last summer, I crossed with my wife from Dover to Calais in one of the ordinary boats. There was a good sea on, but we remained on deck; and after some time, my wife beginning to feel very faint from Dover to Calais in one of the ordinary boats. There was a good sea on, but we remained on deck; and after some time, my wife beginning to feel very faint and sick; I made her lie down on the seat, on her side, with the head resting on the seat, and so, of course, at an angle to the axis of the body. She at once felt per-

fectly well; and I could not help contrasting the natural bright colour of her face with the poor pale spectres that were sitting and lying about me. A gentleman passing by thought my wife seemed to be lying in a very uncomfortable position, and suggested my putting my small bag as a pillow for her head. Here was the very essence of mistake. If a lady lie down on deck, she is sure almost to be on her back, or on her side, with her head nicely raised against a trunk or some article, her back, or on her side, with her head nicely raised against a trunk or some article, and looking a very corpse. It would present rather a curious appearance; but I would suggest that a certain number of the seats, both on deck and below, should be inclined planes. By this means, a small pillow could be arranged for the head at the bottom of the incline, so obviating the somewhat irksome position of resting the head on the seat itself. If any member is likely to be crossing the Channel shortly, and will follow the above directions, and kindly communicate the results, I shall be extremely obliged to him.—Your obedient servant,

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