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Sur,—The season is rapidly approaching when arrangements will be made for the various hospital dinners. Will you allow me to suggest through your columns that the hard and fast rule of "dressing" for the occasion often prevents the presence of many who might be glad to attend. The nuisance to the country attendant who has to take to town with him his necessary "black bag", not knowing where to change his skin, is terrible. I have been the more struck with the necessity of some change his skin, is terrible. to change in this direction by having the pleasure of being at one of the pleasantest medical gatherings I have ever attended—the annual meeting of the South-Eastern Branch at Tunbridge Wells. No one dressed; but individual character was all the more manifested; everyone was comfortable, and there was not the uniform display of "white front" and "swallow-tail".—I am, yours, etc., Tunbridge, June 24th, 1882.

W. J. LAND.

P.S.—No one likes to appear different to others; therefore I would suggest that when the circulars are issued a note should be added, either "evening dress" or "morning dress".

A CAUTION. SIR,—Allow me to warn your readers, and especially those who are graduates of a Scotch University, against a man who calls himself "R. Anderson, Marischal College, Aberdeen". He called at my house a few days since, telling a sad story of privation and illness, soliciting immediate help. I believed his tale, gave him a sum of money, and told him to attend at the offices of a relief society the next day. sum of money, and told him to attend at the offices of a relief society the next day. At the same time, I communicated in writing to the secretary, announcing that the man might attend, and asking him to do his best to procure the man work. I received, the following day, a letter from the Secretary of the Society, stating that the man had not appeared; that he was well known both to the police and the Society; that he had been going about as a beggar for over four years, etc. He, I may mention, has several testimonials from medical men, and one or two he accidentally left here, but has not called for them. Trusting that my warning may be sufficient to prevent anyone from falling into the same trap as I did, I remain, yours faithfully,

A. G. BATEMAN, M.B. 13, Canonbury Square, N.

THE SEASIDE FOR THE SICK.

SIR,—Several of my patients would be benefited by sea-air, but there are difficulties in the way of getting them into convalescent homes. I should feel greatly obliged if any of your readers residing at the sea side can tell me of poor but cleanly people in their neighbourhood who would undertake to board and lodge for a fair remuneration either convalescents, or weakly children requiring fresh air and wholesome food.—Believe me, yours truly,

W. J. SIMPSON LADELL.

112, St. John's Road, Hoxton, N., July 1st, 1882.

A DANDELION CATHETER.

S13,—I once astonished the household of a moribund patient by using her husband's tobacco-pipe to save her life, and give her instant relief. It was a puerperal case. Had Mr. Moore an ordinary pipe (clay or wood) at hand, and broken off the bowl, he would have had a more reliable and efficient instrument than the dandelion-stalk.—I am, etc.,

CHARLES W. HAMILTON, L.R.C.S.I., Surgeon Royal Navy.

Alexandria, June 2181, 1882

Alexandria, June 21st, 1882.

TAPEWORM.

Sir, -There is a remedy for the above in much use and repute on the Continent, viz., "Chabert's empyreumatic oil"; and is composed of one part of the empyreumatic oil of hartshorn, and three parts of oil of turpentine. The dose is two teaspoonfuls night and morning, until four or six ounces have been taken. Bremser found it a powerful and a perfect cure, a purgative being from time to time interposed. Bremser admits this is a very tedious curative process; but he asserts that it is safe, and but little inconvenient. When the patient has continued asserts that it is safe, and but little inconvenient. When the patient has communed free from any symptoms of tapeworm for three months, he considers the cure complete. I have never had occasion to try it myself: I merely suggest it to your correspondent "Omera" as, perhaps, worthy of a trial.—I am, sir, yours, etc., E. T. CROUCH.

Fareham, July 1st, 1882.

E. T. CROUCH.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Omega" asks for some suggestions for the treatment of a case the symptoms of which he does not relate; but, from the heading of the letter, and the enumeration of the remedies used, one is led to infer that he is under the impression that the "young woman in fair health" is suffering from tape-worm. May I suggest that, before submitting her to any further treatment, he satisfies hixself by personal inspection of any supposed fragments of the worm which may be passed, that the creature still exists in his patient's intestines? Possibly he has done so, and has obtained conclusive evidence that the helminth in question has survived the administration of the drugs mentioned, but he does not say so in his letter. so in his letter.

It is exceedingly common in my experience for a patient to be so deeply impressed with the notion that he has a worm, when in reality nothing of the kind exists, that I am sure it is wise to abstain from the administration of all remedies in any case until we have satisfied ourselves, by ocular inspection of the segments

that have been passed, that we really have a tape-worm to deal with.

I was once asked to prescribe for a man who told me he had a worm which gave him much trouble. He assured me that he could see its head frequently pro-truding from his anus, but that it "popped back again whenever he tried to catch hold of it." On another occasion, I remember that a man complained that he was hold of it." On another occasion, I remember that a man companied that he passing a large quantity of worms. At my request, he brought some of them to passing a large quantity of worms. At my reducts, he brought some of large me, when I found that the supposed parasities consisted, for the most part, of large long that he admitted he had partaken largely, and of some long me, when I found that the supposed parasites consisted, for the most part, of large pieces of filberts, of which he admitted he had partaken largely, and of some long pieces of yellow elastic tissue, presumably from the ligamentum ruchae of the sheep. It is evident that, in neither of these cases, could anthelminthic remedies have served any useful purpose. If, however, "Omega" be really sure, from the recent inspection of portions of the worm that have been passed by his patient, that the creature is still lodged in her intestines, I should advise him to try Corbyn's liquid activate of fillings in deep of trusting mining every hour, until a draphy has the creature is still loaged in her intestines, I should advise him to try Corbyn's liquid extract of filix mas, in doses of twentry minims every hour, until a drachm has been taken. The preparation should be given early in the morning, a dose of castor-oil being administered on an empty stomach the previous night. I have never yet failed to dislodge the enemy in this way with this preparation; and though it is often difficult, and sometimes impossible, to find the scolex in the evacuations, I presume it has been passed, as I do not recall a single instance of renewed growth of the animal.—Yours obediently,

R. Lewis Willcox.

MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN.

SIR,—I have been asked by a lady living some distance from medical aid, to obtain a good work on the management of children (during teething, nursing, etc.) in health and disease, suitable for a non-professional reader; but, only knowing technical works, I would feel obliged if you, or any of your readers, would recommend some suitable book.—I am, sir, yours very truly,

A JUNIOR MEMBER.

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