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SCARLET FEVER.

SIR,—The following cases show the vagaries of the law of infection in scarlet fever. On August 6th, I was called to see a young lady who had just returned from a long journey by rail and sea, and was suffering from sore-throat, with a certain amount of feverishness, but no rash. In a few days, she was cured by the ordinary remedies; but, on September 13th, I was called to see a younger sister. In this case, the symptoms of scarlet fever were fully developed, rash, high temperature, and sore-throat. She was isolated from the rest of the family, and is now quite well, neither are there any symptoms of the spread of the disease in any other member of the family, and there are no cases in the town. But the curious part of the case is, that my first patient, who had returned to Paris two days after the second patient had shown the fever, is now suffering from rather a bad attack of the disease. Now, the question is, Where did the fever originate? Did the first patient take the fever to the house, communicate it to her younger sister, who developed it, and gave it back to her? or has the fever been all this time, two months, incubating? or, again, is it possible that the fever, in the two cases, arose from different sources? Perhaps some of your readers will kindly give me their opinion on this subject? I remain, yours obediently,
GEO. C. SEARLE.
Brixham, Devon.

SIR,—Will you oblige me by informing me what works (besides Parkes's) it would be advisable to read for the sanitary science certificate of Cambridge? I enclose my card; and am, etc.,
S. S. C.

* * If our correspondent will write to Professor Liveing, Cambridge, he will receive the schedule relating to the examination, in which a list of the works recommended for study and reference is given.

DRIVING GLOVES.

SIR,—A correspondent kindly gave the address, last autumn, in the JOURNAL, of a maker of warm driving gloves, living at Hawick, Scotland. Would he kindly give it again, and name the price of the same, per pair?—Yours, etc.,
A MEMBER.

R. W. W.—It would do as well, but you would probably have some difficulty in getting it made.

REMONSTRANCE OF AN ASYLUM SUPERINTENDENT.

On the suggestion of a doctor that those who associate with the insane transmit the disorder to their offspring.

Dear Doctor, I beg you—I pray you—don't tell us
That you really believe in an insane bacillus!
That in mingling with patients we're breathing an air
Full of germs of mad phrenzy and hopeless despair;
That, although our own minds may seem perfectly sane,
Parasitical growths will for ever remain
In our system, infecting the blood and the brain;
So that if, by good luck, we ourselves don't go mad,
The child will inherit the germs of its dad!
Already, in truth, are our troubles enough,
Without being told this nonsensical stuff;
In peril from blows, in peril from flurry,
In peril from fire, in peril from worry,
In peril from Lunacy Board and Committee;
Are these not sufficient, dear sir, in all pity?
Forebear then to talk, I beseech you, until I
Have time to examine these wretched bacilli.
But if you insist on such growths diabolic,
Pray send me a bottle of mental carbolic.

Y.

CARELESSNESS at judicial necropsies is notoriously frequent in the United States (and perhaps here also). Insufficient remuneration is sometimes given as the cause. In a recent case, where the witness could not testify upon an important point, and was asked the reason, he replied that "the authorities were only willing to pay for a dollar *post mortem*, and he had given them only a dollar one."

SYRINGE FOR INJECTING VASELINE.

SIR,—The "new invention" mentioned in the JOURNAL of October 14th, consisting of a glass syringe charged with ointment for the injection of vaseline ointment, etc., beneath the eyelids, is no novelty. The other day I saw a similar instrument used for these identical purposes in Dr. Wolfe's *clinique* in Glasgow, where, I understand, it has been in use for a number of years.—I am, sir, yours,
Aberdeen, October 17th, 1882.
A. D. D.

MR. MARSHALL.—There was a time when the Hampstead mineral water was in great repute. There flourished, at the same time, Chad's Wells, Bagnigge Wells, Islington Spa, White Conduit House, and the notorious "Dog and Duck":

"Where oft the city spark, from dirty business free,
Sipp'd the froth'd syllabub, or fragrant tea;
While with slic'd ham, scrap'd beef, and burnt champagne,
The 'prentice lover smooth'd his amorous pain."

SICK CLUB FOR MEDICAL MEN.

SIR,—Perennially, since I can remember, the question of establishing a club amongst us has been mooted, and as certainly dropped without even fair discussion in the JOURNALS. A week or two ago, someone again raised the idea, and I have waited in vain for someone to make some move in the matter. We are proverbially the most improvident of men, as a class. This apathy is, I think, another proof of it. In your issue of October 7th, you say the experiment of having such a thing as part of our Association was tried and failed. Will you try it again, provided you have evidence by (say) the end of the year that it would be supported? If not, will some of the gentlemen who have written or thought on the subject make some attempt to do something? Personally, I am a kind of nonentity—a country practitioner, and far from town—but if anyone will suggest what I can do to help, I will do my best. Perhaps the canvassing the members of some of the Branches of the Association by one or two men in each, might be a good way to start the matter, as bringing it more immediately under notice than by a few words in the JOURNAL. I need hardly say that I, for one, am ready to join such a society, club, or whatever its name might be.—I am, sir, yours obediently,
Wellow, Bath.
W. E. STANTON STANLEY.

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