

ASYLUM FOR IMBECILES.

SIR.—Can any of your readers tell me of a home or establishment, on a smaller scale than Earlswood and the Albert Asylum at Lancaster, where an idiot boy can be received? He is nine years old, and has been taught to read well; but it is thought desirable to place him now with other children in some home where he will be carefully taught and trained.—Yours, etc.,
Walsall, September 26th, 1883. G. A. PHILLIPS.

DELTA.—Gray's *Anatomy*, Green's *Pathology*, Barnes's *System of Obstetric Medicine and Surgery and Diseases of Women*, Parkes's *Hygiene*, Royle's *Materia Medica and Therapeutics*.

AN ADVERTISEMENT.

WE are asked to reproduce the following advertisement from *Lloyd's Weekly News*. It speaks so plainly for itself that comment upon our part is unnecessary.

"Loss of Nerve-Power—its cure. Dr. Watson Bradshaw, registered physician (formerly Staff-surgeon R.N.), of 43, Welbeck Street; author of "The Anatomy of Dyspepsia," "Brain and Stomach," "Deuteropepsia," etc., gives advice on nervous debility to poor patients for 5s. on Tuesdays and Fridays—Mornings, 9 to 10; evenings, 7 to 9."

SIR.—Would you, or any member, through the medium of the JOURNAL, kindly inform me what is a good or the best book published on the subject of Local Government Board orders and rules relating to the duties of boards of guardians, and also their medical officers?—I am, etc.,
GUARDIAN.

"* The most complete work on the whole subject is *The Orders of the Local Government Board—Poor-law, Sanitary, Vaccination, and Educational* (Knight, 12s.), prepared by some of the officials of the Local Government Board; *Lumley's Manual for the Poor-law Medical Officer* (Knight, 6s.); *The Medical Officer's Hand-book* (Shaw, 2s. 6d.); and *Banke's Poor-law Guardian* (Shaw, 6s.), may also be mentioned with approval.

QUERKNS.—We understand that the publication of the report on the matter to which you refer must not be expected before Christmas. This seems, under the circumstances, particularly unfortunate.

THE BEST DEPILATORY.

SIR.—The only reliable way to remove an excessive growth of hair (Hirsuties) from the upper lip and chin of females is by electrolysis. By this method I have permanently removed over two thousand hairs from the face of one lady, as well as several smaller growths from the upper lip and chin, and on moles, etc., in other instances. The ordinary depilatory powders, containing sulphide of calcium or sodium, do not affect the hair-follicle, and are, therefore, but of temporary benefit. The method of applying electrolysis which I adopt is accurately described in *Duhring's Diseases of the Skin*, third edition, p. 425.—I am, etc.,
J. MAGEE FINNY, M.D.
19n, Baggot Street, Dublin, October 1st, 1883.

SURGEON-MAJOR, A.M.D., Peshawar, Punjab, can obtain a copy of the Report of Lord Morley's Committee from Messrs. Hansard, 13, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., or Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, Fleet Street, London.

TAPPING IN ASCITES.

SIR.—I have read with much interest Dr. Flint's paper on Early Tapping in Cases of Ascites. In it he mentions that the instrument he uses for aspirating is not that of Dieulafoy, but a simpler and cheaper contrivance, known in the United States by the name of Davidson's syringe. Perhaps he would kindly state where the above apparatus can be procured, and its probable cost?—I am, etc.,
GEORGE R. LEEPER, M.D.
Kesh, Co. Fermanagh, September 29th, 1883.

A MEMBER.—Under ordinary circumstances the payment would probably not be questioned. If it were refused, it might be difficult satisfactorily to prove agency.

A PRESCRIPTION FOR DISSOLVING PINS IN THE STOMACH.

SIR.—The following prescription came under my notice, given by a practitioner to a patient (a pregnant woman) who had, a few days previously, swallowed an ordinary pin. *R Ac. acetic P.B. ʒiv; mucilag. recentis ʒiv. M. ʒij in aqua ʒj ter die.* This mixture, it was stated, would dissolve the pin in about a week.

Knowing that most pins are made of brass wire tinned over, and also knowing the action of strong, and the non-action of dilute, acids upon them, I shall be glad if any member would kindly explain the *modus operandi* on the pin of the acetic acid *P.B.* mixed with equal parts of mucilage and the gastric juice of the stomach, and probably food. Would it be likely to have this solvent action?—I am, sir, yours truly,
W. T. W. GREATHEN,
16, St. James's Square, Bristol. Certificated Assistant Apothecary.

"* Such a prescription could exert little or no effect on the pin. On the other hand, metallic bodies become quickly and considerably corroded by the action of the juices in the alimentary canal.

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BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Transactions of the Vaccination Inquiry. Part I. Edited by M. D. Makuna, M.R.C.S. Leicester: W. H. Lead. 1883.

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San Remo Climatically and Medically Considered. By A. H. Hassall, M.D. With numerous Illustrations. New Edition. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 1883.

Study and Stimulants; or the Use of Intoxicants and Narcotics in Relation to Intellectual Life. As Illustrated by Personal Communications on the Subject from Men of Letters and of Science. Edited by A. Arthur Reade. Revised, with additions. Manchester: A. Heywood and Son. London: Simpkin, Marshall, and Co. 1883.

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