

SPRAIN AT TENNIS.

DR. D. W. PEARSON (Kensington) recommends "A Member" (JOURNAL, November 10th, p. 954) to try a succession of fly-blisters, one inch by three inches, along the forearm behind the seat of pain, and to take a scrupulous dose of salicylate of soda on going to bed, or on waking during the night. Attention should, of course, be paid to the digestive organs.

TREATMENT OF RECENT TRANSVERSE FRACTURE OF PATELLA BY WIRE SUTURE, WITHOUT OPENING THE JOINT.

SIR.—In your JOURNAL of November 17th, page 998, Brigade-Surgeon E. D. Tomlinson suggests that, before performing the metallic suture of the transverse broken patella, sufficient time should elapse for the communication between the joint and the fracture to have an opportunity to close. He adds: "I mentioned this to two distinguished surgeons; one thought the operation not practicable, the other seemed to think it feasible." Now the practicability of this method was urged some years ago by Dr. J. E. Van der Meulen, and was demonstrated by him in a case reported in an able article on the subject, page 30 of the *Lancet*, January 3rd, 1880. This fact is worthy of all publicity.

—I am, sir, yours faithfully,

W. T. CLEGG.

Liverpool, November 26th, 1883.

THE North Cheshire Herald, November 17th, 1883, has the following objectionable advertisement. "[A Card.] Dr. J. Nield Cooper, M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.E., and L.S.A., London, late Medical Officer of St. George's Infirmary, London, and late of Hyde, has succeeded to the practice of Dr. Anderton, Great Norbury Street, near Hyde Railway Station."

CHLOROFORM-ADMINISTRATION: A CAUTION.

SIR.—While administering chloroform recently for a friend, the patient began to retch, and, in doing so, detached a small set of teeth which, through carelessness, I was not aware she was wearing. Fortunately, I was able to remove them before any mishap occurred, but the "shock" I got will be of service in the future. I have looked into two or three books under the above heading, but do not find any caution about this very obvious danger.—I am, yours, etc.,

R. HANSON WOLSTENHOLME.

Eccles New Road, Manchester.

MEDICAL PRACTICE IN THE UNITED STATES.

SIR.—If your correspondent "X." in the issue of October 13th, 1883, will send his address to "Medicus," Ontario, San Bernardino County, California, U.S.A., he will endeavour to give him the information he desires regarding practice in California.—I am, etc.,

MEDICUS.

Ontario, San Bernardino County, California, U.S.A.

MEMBER BRIT. MED. ASSOCIATION.—1. Powell and Lealand, 170, Euston Road, N.W.; Zeiss—agent for England, C. Barker, 244, High Holborn, W.C. 2. Dr. Beale's work on *Urinary Deposits* (J. and A. Churchill).

WATER-ANALYSIS.

In addition to the books recommended last week, R. W. J. advises a perusal of Dr. Tidy's paper in the *Journal of the Chemical Society*, No. 194, January 1879. If Dr. Tidy would reprint this, with such additions as his great experience might suggest, he would confer a boon on many, especially if he would convert septums into cubic centimetres, as burettes divided into septums are not always easily obtained. Some who use Wanklyn's process would be glad to see a trustworthy colorimeter published, to avoid a fresh ammonia-experiment for each analysis.

A SPLINT.

SIR.—Will any of your numerous readers kindly tell me where I can obtain a splint which was exhibited at Bath when the British Medical Association met there a few years ago? It was a model showing a fractured tibia and fibula *in situ*. At the time of my visit, there was no one in charge, but the exhibitor next to it thought that it was the invention of a Dr. Thompson.—I am, etc.,

D. CAMPBELL.

Caene, November 26th, 1883.

C. J. W. asks if there is any private lunatic asylum in the neighbourhood of London where patients are received at terms as low as twenty or thirty shillings.

BOARDING-SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS.

SIR.—Can any of my medical brethren residing on the south coast inform me of a good middle-class boarding-school for a girl ten years old to spend the winter months. I shall be much obliged for any replies, addressed either privately or through the JOURNAL.—Yours, etc.,

COLIN G. CAMPBELL.

Uppermill, Saddleworth, November 21st, 1883.

MRS. ISABEL THORNE (Lewes) writes, in answer to "A Ten Years' Subscriber," (JOURNAL, November 17th, page 1004), that the Western Counties Idiot Asylum at Starcross, near Exeter, receives children of persons in narrow circumstances on reduced terms. The patient must belong to one of the western counties.

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