

PRURITUS ANI.

SIR,—I have always found decided benefit in the employment of a lotion which my old teacher, Dr. Atthill of Dublin, employs in pruritus vulvæ. The patient should sponge him or herself well with warm water, and should syringe some of the water up the rectum, should then soak well a pledget of cotton in the following lotion, and pass it well up the anus, leaving it there till he next defæcates, when it should be renewed. *R. Acidi carbolici gr. 20: tinct. opii ʒiv; acid. hydrocyan. dil. ʒij; glycerini ʒiv; aquam ad ʒiv.* By following the above directions faithfully, I can promise relief, and should "Scire Facias" find it successful in his hands, I should be glad if he would let me know the result through the medium of your JOURNAL. It is a most troublesome affection, which I have known, in some of my cases, to be accompanied by an irritative fever that has laid the patient very low indeed.—I am, etc., H. H.

FORDER'S HANSON.

SIR,—Will some members who have made use of "Forder's hansom" in country practice kindly communicate their experience in the JOURNAL? My fear is that, where the roads are steep, a very considerable weight would be thrown on the horse's back; also that, where high winds prevail, there might be a tendency to capsize. The weight in a hansom must needs be balanced so as to be about level when the carriage is on a level road, or nearly so. In what way can the pressure going down, or the "hang" in ascending steep hills, be best regulated? Any suggestion as to lighting a hansom would also much oblige.—I am, etc., BOREAS.

ERRATUM.—In the leading article entitled "The Failure of the University of London," November 22nd, fifteenth line from the top, page 1023, for "more than," read "almost."

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