

"WORMING" DOGS FOR HYDROPHOBIA.

Is answer to a correspondent from Bedale, we reply that, though done with the best intentions, in the cases to which he refers, the practice of "worming" a dog by cutting out a piece of the muscles of the floor of the mouth is useless and cruel. It is perfectly true that the belief is still prevalent in some parts of the country that a dog, so treated, will not become hydrophobic spontaneously, and that, if bitten by a mad dog, his tongue will swell so that he cannot bite anyone.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN QUINSY AND RHEUMATISM.

Sir,—Want of time alone has prevented my sending you a note on this subject, mentioned by Dr. Atkinson in the JOURNAL of August 29th. I have seen many instances where this connection was most marked, and recently reported two of them, in which acute rheumatism followed within a few days after a quinsy had been stopped. I find that at least two-thirds of my quinsy-cases may be stopped, if seen within the first day or two, by means of a mixture of equal parts of the tincture of aconite and gualacum, fifteen drops being given every two or three hours, till the desired effect is produced, but in most of them, after a few days, symptoms of rheumatism follow, which are generally relieved by a few doses of salicine.

The following interesting case has occurred to me within the last three weeks. A patient came to me complaining of sore-throat, of three days' duration. This was cured, and the case was apparently doing well. Five days later, I was called in to see her, and found the temperature 103.8°, with all the symptoms of acute rheumatism. Salicine subdued this in two days, and the case was again apparently doing well. Five days later, I saw her, and promised she would speedily be able to get up. In the afternoon, the patient became delirious, and got out of bed. The temperature rose, and stiffness was complained of externally over the right tonsil, with difficulty in deglutition, but no pain. The temperature continued high for five days, when an abscess in the tonsil broke in the usual manner, internally. In a few hours, patient was again progressing favourably. There was no return of pain in the joints. This case appears to show conclusively a connection between the two affections.—I am, yours truly,

W. E. GREEN.

SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Dr. MACKAY sends us the following corrected list of the staff of that institution (JOURNAL, September 19th, p. 552). Consulting Physician: Dr. Kebbrell. Consulting Surgeon: Mr. E. J. Furner. Physicians: Dr. Withers Moore, Dr. Rutter, Dr. Hollis. Surgeons: Mr. Jowers, Mr. Humphry, Mr. Blaker. Assistant-Physicians: Dr. Branfoot, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Shadwell. Assistant-Surgeons: Mr. W. Furner, Mr. Uthoff, Mr. Verrall.

THE DISCUSSION ON ANÆSTHESIA AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Sir,—In the JOURNAL of September 19th, page 538, I find my remarks, in the discussion on anæsthetics at the Cardiff meeting, incorrectly reported. I shall, therefore, feel obliged if you will allow me to state that the three patients mentioned all recovered, the two women by the usual means—drawing out the tongue, etc.—and the man by inversion, after these means had failed. Other parts, where the sense has been destroyed by abbreviation, explain themselves.—I am, yours, etc.,

T. HALL REDWOOD.

THE OWENS COLLEGE, MANCHESTER: A CORRECTION.

Mr. W. H. WATERS writes to inform us that the statement in the Educational Number of the JOURNAL (page 525), that he has received the appointment of Brackenbury Professor of Physiology, in place of Dr. Ganguee, is an error. The appointment is still open.

TESTS FOR SOUR BREAD.

Sir,—Might I repeat "Panis's" query of March 28th for a simple and reliable remedy of testing bread as to sweetness, other than by taste and smell, and short of analysis, for soldiers' rations?—I am, etc.,

COMMISSARIAT.

THE NEW EDITION OF THE BRITISH PHARMACOPOEIA.

Sir,—I am naturally anxious to obtain a copy of the above as soon as possible; but, previously to purchasing one, I should be glad if you could inform me whether it is the intention of the Medical Council to send a copy to every registered medical practitioner gratis; as, some time ago, I saw a notice that they might do so. Considering how little the Medical Council do for us in return for our fees, and the large balance the Medical Council now have in hand, the present would appear a good opportunity of making some slight return; and in this, I believe, I am expressing the opinion of many another.—I am, etc.,

G. P.

* The Medical Council have not announced any such intention.

PHARMACY IN AUSTRALIA.

Sir,—Having seen the inquiry of "Medicus" in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of September 5th, I can assure him that drugs may be obtained throughout the Australian colonies of equally good quality as in England. The principal wholesale druggists send their orders home every month, and thus keep themselves well supplied with all the newest remedies. The price in many cases is high, owing to the heavy duties; but where goods go in free, the prices are about 15 to 20 per cent. higher than in England.—Yours respectfully,

E. H. GRIMWADE.

THE PHENOMENA OF HANGING.

Sir,—In reply to "D. M. O." Jamaica, I beg to state that the beating of the pulse after death by hanging has been observed frequently. He will find, on referring to Balfour's treatise on *Heart-Disease*, short notes of a case, with sphygmographic tracings of the pulse, taken at intervals after the drop.

The explanation, in my opinion, is not far to seek. It was known to Cleanthes (800 B.C.) that a heart cut out of the body continued to beat for some time after removal. In the frog, it may beat even two and a half days. The long drop method causes death by acting on the nervous system; all extracardiac nervous influence is cut off from the heart, whereby it is placed in a condition similar to that of a removed heart. In both, the pulsations continue under the influence of the intracardiac ganglia. After hanging, the pulsations soon cease, owing to accumulation of carbonic acid, asphyxia, and consequent paralysis of the heart.—I am, etc.,

T. F. TANNAHILL, Medical Officer,
Her Majesty's Convict Prison, Borstal.

ENQUIRER.—Deschanel's *Natural Philosophy*, Part I (Blackie and Son).

THE BRUSSELS MEDICAL DEGREE.

Sir,—Can any reader of this JOURNAL inform me where I can obtain a schedule of the M.D. examination at Brussels, giving the subjects required and the dates of the examinations, with the method of examination there.—I am, etc.,

ENQUIRERS.

** Our correspondent will find full information concerning the University of Brussels in the September number of the *London Medical Record*.

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