

## THE PREVENTION OF HYDROPHOBIA.

SIR,—I notice in the papers the deplorable death of the fifth victim of the bite of one rabid dog, in the case of a poor boy, aged 12, in Poplar, a few days ago. Hydrophobia is on the increase, and it is surely time to put a stop at once to this appalling and preventible disease.

Dogs become rabid in one way only, and that is by being bitten by a rabid dog. There is no other cause of that disease, which, like small-pox, measles, and scarlatina, does not arise spontaneously in our day. Hence the only way to put a stop to hydrophobia is to see that no rabid dog can bite either a human being or another dog. This can be accomplished only by muzzling all dogs in London for a certain time, say, six months from this date, which would allow of the latent disease appearing in such animals as have been bitten, which would at once be destroyed. I do sincerely trust that our authorities may, without delay, cause these suggestions to be carried out.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES R. DRYSDALE, M.D., Senior Physician to the Metropolitan Free Hospital of London.

## THE TITLES OF M.D. AND F.R.C.S.

SIR,—It appears to me, from the correspondence in your valuable JOURNAL, that a section of the profession want to have these diplomas conferred on them without any trouble on their part. I started in life as a M.R.C.S.(Eng.) and L.S.A.; but after ten years' practice, thinking that the F.R.C.S. gave certain privileges, I determined to get it; and, although doing a large general practice, I became F.R.C.S. (by exam.). Some years went on, and I thought a M.D. might be useful. I then again worked up, and passed the necessary examinations, and became M.D. of a British university. Why cannot other men do likewise? The only reform I can see necessary is the reduction of age from 40 to 30 at Durham.—I remain, yours, etc.,

F.R.C.S.

## ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT BY A LEEDS SURGEON.

SIR,—Allow me to suggest, through the medium of your powerful JOURNAL, that a subscription be got up to defray the legal expenses of Dr. George Henry Heald, Police Surgeon, Leeds, who was recently honourably acquitted at the York assizes. No doubt you will comment upon this case in an early issue, so that your readers will be in a position to judge as to the merits of the case. It, however, again illustrates the dangers to which medical men are exposed every day, and calls for some united action to be taken to prevent false charges being brought against honourable members of our profession. I shall be glad to receive any subscriptions on behalf of Dr. Heald, who, I can assure your readers, has suffered cruelly both in pocket and in reputation.—I am, sir, yours, etc.,

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H. ARTHUR ALLBUTT, M.R.C.P.E.

## THE PROPELLER BONE.

SIR,—I observe certain of your correspondents are discussing the innominate bone as a "propeller bone." It may assist their researches if you will permit me to make known that an article on this subject appeared last year in the *Scientific American*, and an illustration was duly given, representing a boat fitted with a screw modelled in the shape of the bone in question. Those of your readers who desire information on this point should consult the journal named. Messrs. Triebner, of Ludgate Hill, London, E.C., would no doubt be able to procure the number containing the article referred to.—Yours truly,

School of Medicine, Edinburgh.

ANDREW WILSON.

## GRINDELIN.

SIR,—Can you give me any information of the drug "grindelin"? I want to know what it is, the cases in which it is found to be beneficial, and the doses in which it is prescribed; also if it is liable to produce unpleasant symptoms.—Yours faithfully,

R. N. L.

\* Grindelia robusta and G. squarrosa are the plants used. There is an alcoholic extract, the dose of which is from two to three grains in a pill with lycopodium; and a fluid extract, which may be given in doses of from ten to thirty minims frequently repeated. It is the Californian remedy for asthma, and is said to be useful in whooping-cough (ten minims every two hours). Vide *Extra Pharmacopœia* (Martindale), and *New Remedies* (Dolan).

SIR,—Can any of your readers inform me of the title, and how to obtain, a pamphlet by Mr. Ernest Hart on Vaccination?—I am, yours truly,

M.R.C.S.

\* *Truth about Vaccination*, by Mr. Ernest Hart, is out of print.

## PODALIC VERSION.

SIR,—In a recent number of your JOURNAL, there is noticed a case where premature labour was induced by electricity, and it is said that "podalic version" was performed. I have seen this phrase elsewhere, and it seems to be creeping into use; but, in the name of our excellent mother-tongue, and of all who value purity of language, I protest against its acceptance. Why not say simply turning? Or, if a more high sounding term must be employed, at all events let it be correctly formed, and not a mongrel derived partially from Greek and partially from Latin.—I am, etc.,

F. R. C. P.

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