

E. F. S., farmer in the south of Victoria, living by the coast, aged 34, well formed, drinks at times, but not frequently, never suffered from illness, presented a singular state of palate to Mr. B. A leathery, callous palate of a greyish washleather appearance is not so uncommon among smokers, and may be the first stage of the affection here mentioned. It is pretty certain that neither suffered from syphilis, and it is noteworthy that the gums were sound and free from sponginess.

References have failed to give evidence of reported cases in which the palate is studded over, as above described, with the regularity of the squares of a chessboard, without any inconvenience.

My opinion favours the origin of these small ulcers from the heat, and not the tobacco smoke. The pipes smoked were not long, and ordinary twist was smoked, if my memory serves me well. There is the possible origin from ammonia irritation—whose lesion is somewhat similar—which is, I believe, present in tobacco smoke. Climate is out of the question.

A RICH DISPENSARY PATIENT.

AN OLD MEMBER writes: As a specimen of the state of the medical faculty, a patient told me recently that an acquaintance of his, owner of twenty cabs, four vans, a greengrocer's and dairy combined, has had his medicines from a dispensary at sixpence per bottle for several months past. The unqualified poachers have never reached this "lowest depth."

BORIC ACID AND LANOLIN.

DR. RUSSELL STURGIS (Boston, U.S.A.) writes: I should like to call your attention to a trifling inaccuracy in your notice of the use of "Boric Acid and Lanolin," etc., p. 896 of the JOURNAL. I use not 8 per cent. but 20 per cent. of boric acid in the ointment, and not 30 per cent. but 80 per cent. of lanolin. The title of my paper should, perhaps, have been "Aquin," etc., aquin or anhydrous lanolin being the base that I have generally used. The name of lanolin was employed as being more widely known than aquin.

SYPHILIS CONTRACTED THROUGH STRIKING A BLOW.

DR. D. S. writes: In reference to "T. H.'s" communication regarding the above interesting case, as given in the JOURNAL of November 24th, might I suggest that it would be interesting to know how many of "T. H.'s" professional brethren agree with him as to the fact of "all the symptoms" referred to undergoing a "marked improvement" under the exhibition of "large doses of potassium iodide" being confirmatory of the diagnosis of syphilis? Again, does "T. H." mean to say that he considers his patient "well" in the sense of cured, or does he mean to put him under a course of mercury, now that he has removed the outward and visible signs of the disorder?

Might I suggest that it would be also interesting to know whether many of the profession—of country practitioners I speak chiefly—still adhere to the idea that iodide of potash is a specific in syphilis—syphilis I say, as perhaps we may soon be led to consider what we now call "tertiary syphilis" to be a result of the dyscrasia produced by syphilis, and not an integral part thereof?

THE REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES.

MR. SAMUEL BENTON (London) writes: I am glad to notice some correspondence has appeared in the JOURNAL respecting the registration of midwives. Midwives must not be confused with monthly nurses. For the protection of poor lying-in women there is great need for legislation on this subject, and it would further the cause if medical men would urge its importance on members of Parliament.

THE POSITION OF THE EPIGLOTTIS IN INVERSION.

DR. ALEXANDER DUKE (Dublin) writes: While reading the interesting paper by Dr. Howard on "A New Way of Raising the Epiglottis," it has struck me that the question might now fairly be asked, whether the favourable results occasionally met with by inverting the patient in cases of chloroform syncope (as recommended by Nélaton) might not really be due to the raising of the epiglottis during the carrying out of that procedure, and not to the additional influx of blood to the cerebrum, to which the success was always formerly ascribed.

AN EXPLANATION.

DR. J. CLIMENSON DAY (Camden Town) writes: You have done me the honour to review *The More Excellent Way*, and have passed a tolerably sharp critique. I must ask you to correct an inadvertence; for, when you say I advocate a certain preparation of arsenious acid, it would have been only fair to add, in "adynamic" cases of fever, etc. If any of your numerous readers will put to the test what has been advanced, they will probably arrive at conclusions somewhat different to your own. I am greatly obliged for your kind wishes that many, especially younger men, "just emerged from their hospital studies," may read *The More Excellent Way*, and the more so as you take such pronounced exception to its irritating style, provoking quotations, and sad ignorance of grammar.

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