diagram (which was sent loose) having been written wrong side up.—In the paragraph "Medical Magistrate," JOURNAL, page 157, for T. E. Brooks, read J. E. Brooks.

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Dr. Jones's legal expenses amounted to over £60.

WHAT WAS THE CIRON.

DR. F. WILLIAM COCK (London) writes: Perhaps the enclosed extracts from ancient authors on the "Ciron" may be of interest.

Bailey's Dictionary, 2nd edition, 1724.—"Sirones, little pushes in the palm of the hand or sole of the foot, containing small insects or worms."

Peter Lowe, *A Discourse of the Whole Art of Chirurgerie*, London, 1634. Black letter. Third edition. Page 126-27, Chapter iv, Lib. v. Of lice, morpions and nyts which *often do use the skin and roots of the haire*.—"There is yet a fourth kinde called chyrons, they likewise take life and corrodes betwixt the flesh and the skinne, and are ingendered of a more drie matter than the other, and are chiefly found in the hands of idle people; the cause externall of those animous, is evill regiment of eating and drinking, of such as engendereth rotten humors, surfeiting of fruits, figges, nastinesse, idlenesse, and seldom change of cloathes, as I have oftentimes remarked in armies and camps, men of good temperature and dyet vered with vermin, negligence in combing of the head is a great cause," etc., and goes on to tell of the usual causes of lice, and evidently makes out that the chyron is of the insect tribe, consequently it seems probable that he speaks of the itch here, or some variety of louse. Page 129: "The chyrons which come in the hands or other parts are cured by washing of those parts with salt water, or water wherein salt fish hath been sodden; or rub them with the juice of hedder or henbane or strong vinegar mixed with a little aloes. If you would know more diversitie of remedies for vermine, take advise from Viccarus, Petrus Hispanus, Vigo, Alexis, and Lebot. There is of those chyrons or little lyce found in the membraine conjunctive or white of the eye, which maketh great paine and itching, for the which you must very cunningly with a stable hand and a silver needle, such as we abate the cataract with, picke them out one by one, then wash the eye with rose and enfrage water."

Daniel Turner, in his *Treatise on Diseases of the Skin*, 4th edition, 1731, page 233 *et seq.* of the lousy evil.—"4. Are those generated (according to some) under the cuticle being found in the hands and feet of a round form like the small eggs of butterflies, some of them so minute as to escape the sight; although by their creeping under the scarf skin they often stir up a most intolerable itching, and sometimes break forth and discover themselves, yet for the most part they lie hid and conceal themselves. Some authors mention them and treat of them as I suppose under the names of acari, cyrones and pedicelli."

I take it that under the head of cyrones the itch, various lice, and acne have been described by the older authors, as well as possibly some of the "foreign worms." The itch insect was described by Lewenhoek, and a figure given in the *Philosoph. Transactions* (condensed edition) by Benjamin Motte, 1721.

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