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COMMUNICATIONS.—To prevent a not uncommon misconception, we beg to inform our correspondents that, as a rule, all communications which are not returned to their authors, are retained for publication.

A QUESTION.—A correspondent asks: What is the business of a "Special Empirical Commissioner?" We never heard of such an official before. But, no doubt, one of our weekly contemporaries who has started an *employé* with that title, "to report on cheap wine," will be able to answer his question.

E. H.—Our correspondent's remark is quite true. One of the three or four individuals who have made themselves conspicuous in aiding the *Lancet* in its last and recent abuse of the Association and its JOURNAL, is a homœopathic practitioner. We congratulate that journal on its correspondent. It is not the first time that it has thrown its shield and patronage over the promoters of that black art. Abuse from such a correspondent is as great a compliment to us as is abuse from the managers of the pages in which it appears.

F. O.—The papers some time since told us that the license of a curate at Leominster had been withdrawn, by ecclesiastical authority, on account of his having practised medicine.

TREATMENT OF PARTURIENT WOMEN.—SIR: *Apropos* of the treatment of parturient women, I should like to call attention to the evidence of Dr. Farre, given in the trial of Gedney v. Smith. It would appear therefrom that in London there is a kind of received rule for the management of women, adapted to their condition in life. Are we to understand from the following, that all women in a certain class of life are treated alike?

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THE "GAS" CURE OF HOOPING-COUGH.—SIR: In your last (No. 201), there is an account of a great discovery of a cure for hooping-cough in certain gases at gas works, by some French doctors, who claim, I suppose, originality for their discovery. I find from the manager of the gas works here, that in the winter of 1859-60, when he was at some gas works in Nottinghamshire, great numbers of children were brought to them to be cured of hooping-cough, owing to a paragraph that appeared in the papers at that time from an eminent English physician. Perhaps some of your readers can inform us who this physician was, that he may not be robbed of his fame by the French *savans*. I am, etc., J. E. SMITH.

Hay, November 10th, 1864.

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