the Medical Circular of July 24th, 1861, are open to criticism, and that of an unsparing kind. You say that 'Mr. Fergusson absolutely denies that he has any liking for or faith in Homeopathy; that he never consults with Homœopaths, or encourages them to call him in.' Now, sir, I must ask you to refer to Mr. Fergusson's letter, as published in the same journal, and learn what the Professor himself states:-'I am occasionally consulted by Homœopaths (as I know other surgeons are), and hearing their history of a case in clearer terms than from the patient or a friend, I give my surgical opinion.' I shall content myself with the above quotations, proving as they do, incontestably, that your remarks are not impartial, and that it is vain for the Professor to delude himself or the profession into the belief, that 'he never consults with Homeopaths.' Not only is his letter inconsistent with your remarks, but with itself-which cannot be considered otherwise than as an unmistakable proof that at all events he does not keep Homeopathic practitioners at their proper distance."

"PERINÆUM, OR PERINEUM?"-SIR: Finding my name mentioned by "A Correspondent" under this query last week, as having adopted the first spelling, while "even" I "admit in English" the second, I beg leave to put that gentleman and myself right with regard to my share in the matter. The word said to be from  $\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\nu\dot{\epsilon}\omega$ , may more correctly be traced to  $\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\nu\alpha\ell\omega$ ; hence περίναιον, the spelling employed repeatedly by Hippocrates, and adopted into the Latin-perinaum. As for the supposed discrepancy between my following so high an authority, and "admitting in English" the spelling perineum, a few words will serve to explain. In the arrangement of the work referred to, the diphthongs in all Latin terms are preserved, but the English analogues of such terms are simplified by softening  $\alpha$ , or  $\alpha$  into e, according to general usage in the latter language. Therefore, in printing or writing the Latin forms, the spelling should always be perinaum, etc., in italic type, too, or underlined, for distinction; but the English, perineum, etc., the pronunciation being the same in both. If "A Correspondent's" views were just, the pronunciation, Latin or English, would necessarily be peri'neum in place of perine um, an orthoëpical novelty which I presume he does not contemplate. I am, etc.,

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