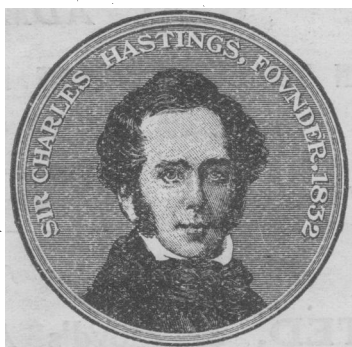


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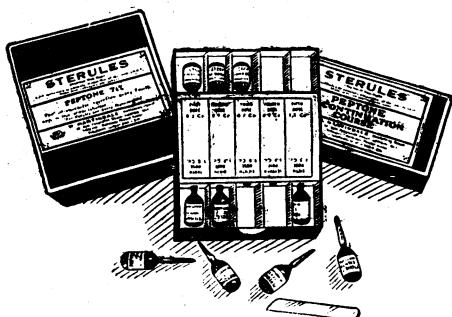
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### QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

#### TREATMENT OF EXOPHTHALMIC GOITRE.

"D. B. F." writes: I should be glad to hear of any drawbacks or evil resulting from the treatment of Graves's disease by tincture of iodine. In my own limited experience of three cases I have had the most satisfactory results.

#### CHRONIC BRONCHORRHOEA AFTER GAS POISONING.

"GASSED" (Arnside) asks for guidance in the following case: A man of 46 was badly gassed in the war, and ever since has suffered from bronchitis. Each day he expectorates from one to one and a half pints of bronchial secretion. He coughs and expectorates all day. Inhalations and all the usual antibronchitic remedies have availed nothing; morphine and its relatives cause immediate nausea. There is no indication of tuberculosis and no gross cardiac lesion. Vaccine treatment has not been tried, as no specific or pathogenic germ is present. Any suggestion from those who have had experience in such cases would be gratefully accepted.

#### SOUND-PROOF PARTITIONS.

DR. E. SHIRLEY JONES (Bentley, Hants) writes in reply to the query printed last week (p. 670): "D. M. O." should use "Cabot's quilt," obtainable from any builder. This consists of American eel-grass sewn between thick brown paper. It is light, sound-proof, and fireproof. It is cheap, and he should not stint thickness unduly. I have used it with satisfaction between surgery and waiting room.

"F. W. L." writes: "D. M. O." will be wise not to rely solely on material to exclude noise, but to adopt some method of baffling, by fixing sheets of material at different angles inside a cavity partition. I have just had a door made leading from my waiting room to my consulting room, the material used being "celotex," and I find it satisfactory. A previous door, although it had a cavity and also a loose flock packing, was useless, largely because the facing was of ply wood, I believe. A partition should lend itself better than any door to the method I suggest.

#### EPHEDRINE.

DR. M. R. SAGAR (Plymouth) writes: In reply to the inquiry of "M. M. M." in the *Journal* of October 11th (p. 625), I would suggest that in such cases the ephedrine causes a spasm of the trigonal sphincter—through stimulation of the sympathetic in the pelvic plexuses—and so inhibits micturition. I have had two such cases, both patients being elderly men, little, thin, "shrivelled"—looking, and arterio-sclerotic, who refused to take it on this account, and in both cases, after an interval of several weeks, I persuaded them to try it again, when there was no such effect, nor has it occurred since. One man is now dead, but the other still takes it—by mouth—for his asthma, with good results, and experiences no difficulty in micturition. Atropine is antagonistic to adrenaline, and therefore, presumably, to ephedrine, but apparently in one of my cases (the second), at any rate, tolerance was established, for he had burnt and inhaled the fumes of pulv. stramon. co. from the first.

"H. C. M." writes: During an attack of asthma at 11 p.m. a 1/2 grain tablet of ephedrine was swallowed by me, with a good deal of relief. At 6.30 a.m., for a few minutes, though the desire to micturate was great, I was unable to pass urine; after those few minutes it was passed with pain and difficulty. Burroughs Wellcome and Co., in their description of ephedrine, state that in some cases it causes bladder irritation.

### LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

#### MEDICAL GOLF.

The autumn meeting of the London Irish Medical Golfing Society was held at Sandwich on October 11th. About 65 players took part, and the competition was very keen. The results were as follows:

*Captain's Prize* (best gross)—E. T. Wright, 84+79=163; D. J. O'Keeffe, 85+80=165; A. G. Walsh, 82+86=168.  
*Cahill Trophy* (best nett)—F. J. Holmes (18), 77+78=155; R. H. Jones (17), 76+80=156; T. Mayberry (16), 84+72=156.  
*Lett Cup* (foursomes)—D. S. Gordon and G. Campbell, 3 up; A. G. Walsh and W. Macaulay, 1 up; M. J. Smyth and A. Perry, 1 down.  
*O'Malley Cup* (18 holes)—G. Sneyd (14), 2 up; R. Seale (8), 1 up.  
*Canny Ryall Cup*—T. Mayberry, 88-16=72; E. M. Donahue, 90-15=75; M. J. Smyth, 81-6=75; J. Gubbins, 95-18=77; R. L. Rea, 91-11=77; E. T. Wright, 79-2=77.  
*Juniors' Prize*: T. Mayberry. *Veterans' Prize*: E. M. Donahue. *Eclectic Prize*: T. J. Hollins. *Guests' Prize*: Colonel Muecke.

The autumn meeting of the Medical Golfing Society was held at Littlestone on October 18th and 19th. The splendid weather and the excellent condition of the course were greatly appreciated by the 75 competitors. The results were as follows:

*Singles v. Bogey*—Mather Thomson, 2 up.  
*Foursomes v. Bogey*—D. J. O'Keeffe and H. W. Molesworth tied with Commander Rusack and A. Galletly, the former couple winning on the first nine holes.  
*Canny Ryall Cup*—D. Ligat, 85-12=73; Eric Dobson and T. A. Torrance, 74 net.  
*Scratch Prize*—T. A. Torrance, 71.  
*Veterans' Cup*—D. Ligat.

#### PLATE POWDERS.

"J. W. C." writes: Much attention has recently been paid to the addition of preservatives to foodstuffs, but I cannot call to mind any reference to the effect on health of the remains of various cleaning materials left adhering to silver and other table furniture, with the exception of some instances of cyanide poisoning after the use of a silver cleaner containing a cyanide. It may be that the ingredients of most of the common metal cleaners on the market are innocuous, but I have a suspicion that I have not profited by the absorption of small quantities of some of them which careless domestics have failed to dislodge after their cleaning operations. An authoritative pronouncement on the composition of these cleaners would be welcome.

#### MEDICAL ART CALENDAR.

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#### A PANEL OF EXPERT TRANSLATORS.

In the *British Medical Journal* of June 21st (p. 1155) some particulars were given of a panel of expert translators which is in course of formation by the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux. The services of this panel, which consists of members having both linguistic and technical qualifications of a high standard, are now available for specialized work in all branches of knowledge. We are informed that a large number of translators familiar with medical subjects have been enrolled. The services of the panel are free to members of the association; to others a charge of 2 guineas is made for each name and address supplied. Further details may be obtained from the secretary of the association, 26, Bedford Square, W.C.1.

#### NUMBER PLATES ON MOTOR CYCLES.

THE Automobile Association has been requested by the police authorities to draw attention to the new regulations governing number plates on motor cycles, which came into operation on October 6th. Under these the size of the lettering on the rear number plate is increased, and the rear number plate has to be illuminated. Full particulars of the requirements are given in the booklet *Motor Law*, a copy of which may be obtained by motorists free of charge on application to any A.A. office.

EVANS's annual medical price list has been issued this month in a revised form. A copy will be sent to any medical practitioner or medical student on application to Evans's Biological Institute, Higher Runcorn, Cheshire.

#### VACANCIES.

NOTIFICATIONS of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, and 54 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 50, 51, and 52.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 187.

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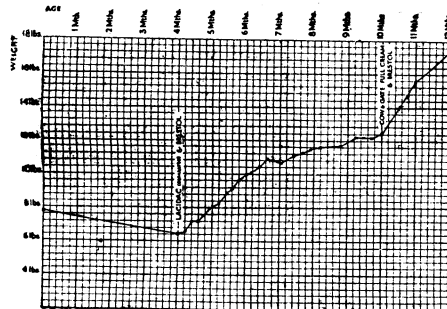
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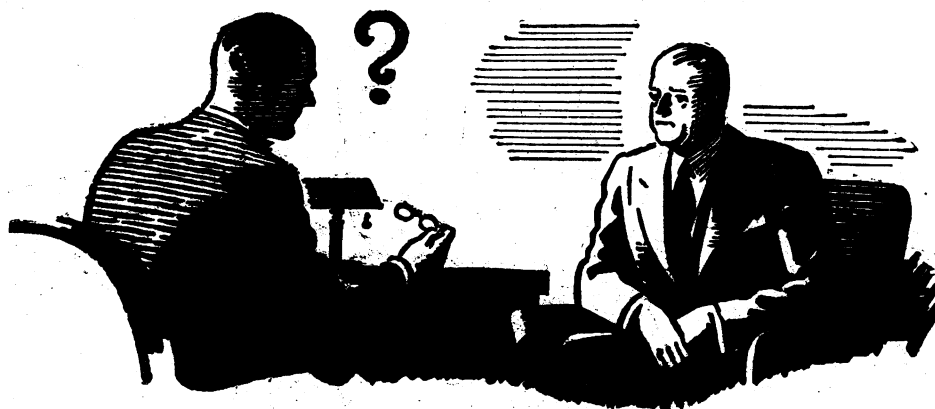
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