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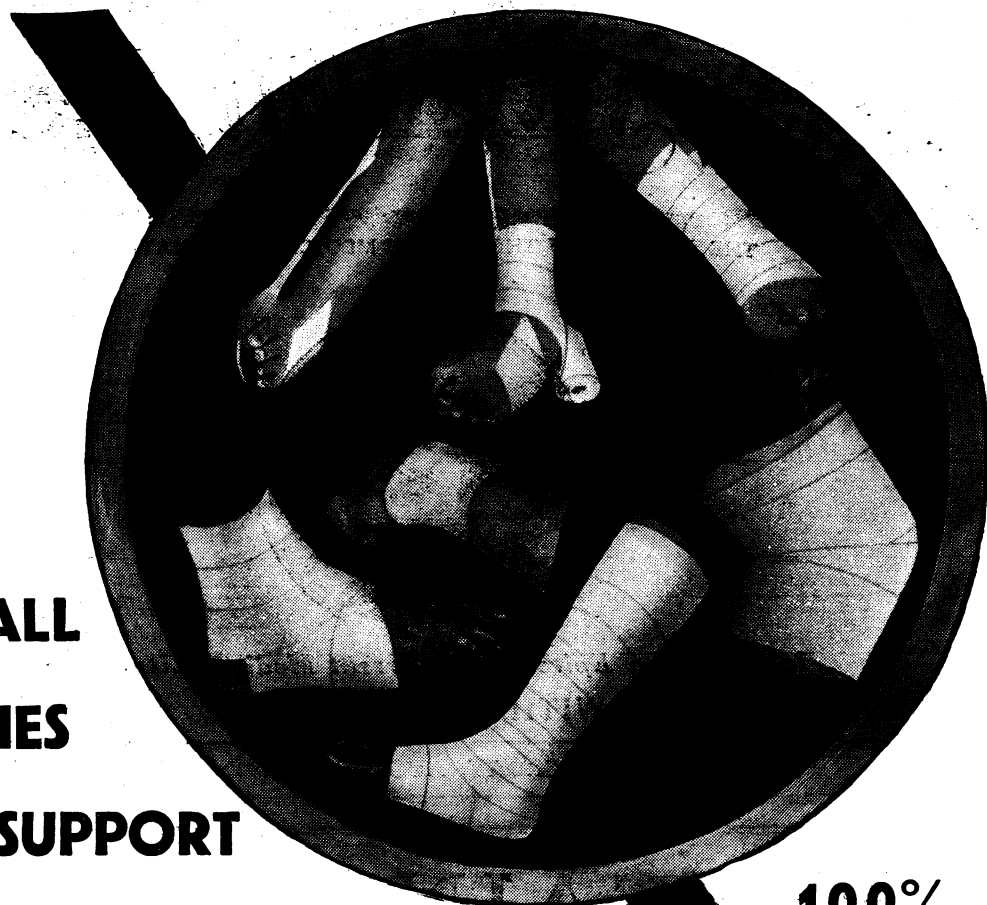
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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Cure for Snoring

Dr. G. H. JOHNSON (Romsey) writes: Can any of your readers suggest a remedy for snoring? My patient is an elderly female. She has been examined by an ear, nose, and throat specialist, who found nothing abnormal. Fifteen years ago she had an operation for exophthalmic goitre and has been in excellent health since. Chin-straps and various medicaments have been tried with no good result.

Injection for Hydrocele

Dr. S. BARTLETT (Isle of Barra) writes in reply to "H. C.'s" inquiry (July 30th, p. 228): I have frequently used both tinct. iodi fortis and quinine urethane solution for the injection of hydrocele. On one patient these solutions did not give a satisfactory result, and I decided to use sodium morrhuate. After the injection the patient complained of acute abdominal pain, began to sweat profusely, and was doubled up in bed; his pulse ran up to 140. This acute condition lasted for almost two hours, but by the evening he was quite normal and next day carried on as usual. The hydrocele was cured, but since then I have never used sodium morrhuate.

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LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

Sea-sickness

Dr. H. NORMAN BARNETT (Bath) writes: The medical correspondent of the *Morning Post* would appear to be somewhat behind the times when he writes drawing special public attention to the view expressed by Dr. Gwynne Maitland that sea-sickness is due to a disturbance of the "balancing apparatus." It is many years since my book, *Sea-sickness—its Cause and Cure*, was published. In it I gave what I think was pretty conclusive proof that sea-sickness was due to a disturbance of the endolymph, and also directed attention to the work of Dr. Savory on this subject. That, according to the extract in the *Morning Post*, there is no cure for sea-sickness because it is due to the above causation is very far from what I believe to be the truth, since, as I pointed out in the publication referred to, bringing the endings of the auditory nerve under the strong influence of ammonium bromide has a most salutary effect in the prevention and cure of sea-sickness, as that drug has a special influence on the auditory nerve. The suggestion

that prospective travellers should have a course of a sort of P.T. exercise involving rotary movements is, in my view, perfectly futile, since the effect of such movements is one of the proofs of the origin of sea-sickness. They will cause a similar form of sickness, but will not prevent it should the passenger encounter rough weather. It will be found that if he is brought under the influence of the ammonium bromide for thirty-six hours before embarking, and it is continued for forty-eight hours afterwards, sea-sickness will not develop even in those most prone to it. The dosage, however, must be large—namely, 40 to 60 grains a day, according to the type of patient.

Holidays for Factory Girls

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A "Dope" Museum

The League of Nations at Geneva is gradually accumulating a museum, which already contains many interesting objects, including what may be called trophies of its twelve-year enterprise in various international fields. Among other things it possesses a collection of narcotics presented by the Egyptian Government. These furnish an interesting commentary upon the ingenious resorts which drug addiction, or the trade which batten on it, can employ. Here one may see hashish in various forms, including powder, as imported by smugglers; also poppy-head, with the cuts to allow the milk to exude. Morphine tablets and syringes, with spoons for sniffing heroin, are also on exhibition. A drug called manzul, which is a mixture of narcotics and spices, sold to the public disguised as chocolate or other sweetmeats, has evidently a vogue in Egypt, and the rollers and brass moulds used for making up this product into tablets are shown. Another device consists of false seals for restamping wax on bottle corks so as to cover up some act of smuggling. A sham oil lamp is shown in which drugs were found hidden; it is also shown how bricks of hashish were embedded in a cement millstone; but perhaps the most extraordinary thing of the kind is a pair of shoes which were imported with hashish cunningly embedded in the soles. An artificial opium, made of spices, brickdust, and gum, painted over with a mixture of opium and white of egg, has its devotees.

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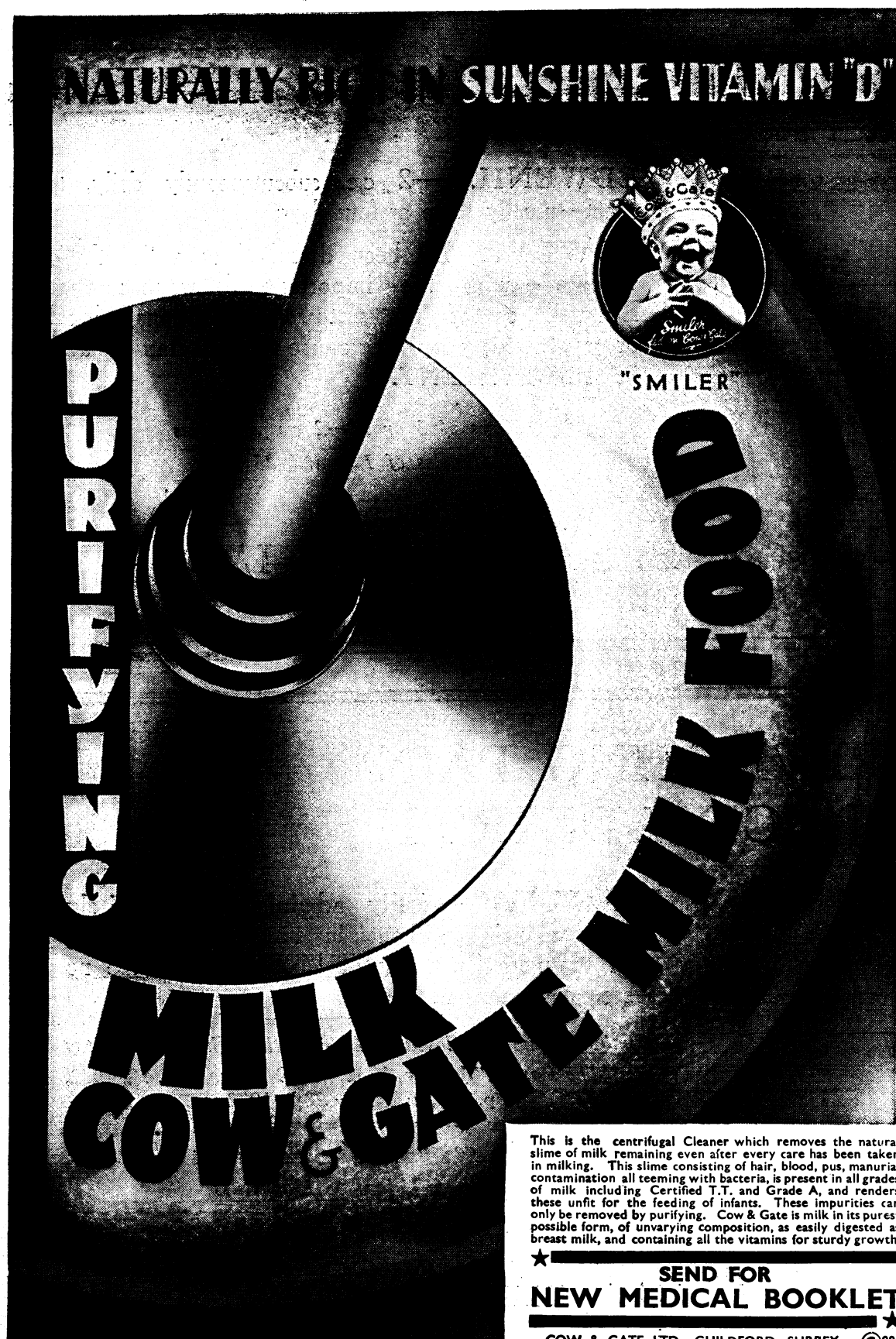
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