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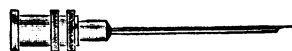
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**Impetigo Refractory to Treatment**

Dr. L. I. HARDY (Hull) writes: I should be grateful if any of your readers could suggest anything to help me in treating an obstinate case of impetigo in an old man of 85. He commenced with pediculosis of the head, which was followed by impetigo. This cleared up under ung. hyd. ammon. Some weeks later it recurred and spread to his body. He was treated under ideal conditions with starch and boric poultices, ung. hyd. ammon. locally, and radiostoleum and Easton's syrup internally. The pediculosis was cleared up some weeks ago. Any slight pressure on any part of his skin is now followed by a flaccid bulla, which soon bursts, scales over, and eventually disappears, leaving a pigmented area. He has flatly refused to have injections of any kind. I am at present trying coal tar and Lassar's paste. The condition is certainly improving, but it has lasted about three months so far.

**Chronically Enlarged Tonsil**

"R. T." writes: I would be grateful to any reader who could suggest any local application (other than surgical) which would either help to reduce a chronically enlarged tonsil or which would tend to prevent a periodical mild inflammatory reaction, with at times the discharge of caseous follicular casts.

**Remedy for Snoring**

Dr. R. J. MORRIS (Harrogate) writes in reply to Dr. G. H. Johnson's inquiry (August 20th, p. 388): The "albar" breathing appliance is the most efficacious remedy for snoring I have found. He will obtain full particulars and illustration from the Albar Sales Company, Claygate, Surrey.

**Income Tax****Tax on Share of a Practice**

"N. W. W." asks for some idea of the amount of tax that would be payable by a single man on a share in a partnership worth £1,200 per annum. Is interest payable on the capital money "free of income tax"?

\* Assuming no interest to be payable, the tax liability would be as follows:

Income liable to tax...	£1,200
Deduct earned income relief, one-fifth of £1,200 ...	£240
Personal allowance ...	£100
	£340
	£860

Of which £175 is chargeable at 2s. 6d.—that is, £21 17 6 and the balance, £685, is chargeable at 5s.—that is, £171 5 0

£193 2 6

So far as interest is concerned, the payer is liable to account to the Revenue for tax on the amount at 5s. in the £, but can recoup himself by deducting it from the lender when paying the interest. Earned income relief, however, is not allowed on that portion of the liable income which is passed on in the form of interest. Thus, if "N. W. W." pays £240 interest, the above figures will hold good, except that that relief will be one-fifth of (£1,200 - £240)—that is, £192 instead of £240; he will therefore pay an additional tax on £48 at 5s. = £12, making £205 2s. 6d. in all, but will be entitled to deduct £240 at 5s. = £60 of that amount from the lender, leaving him in the ultimate position of having suffered £205 2s. 6d. - £60 = £145 2s. 6d. tax.

**Share of Household Expenses**

"L. H." is claiming to deduct as professional expenses two-thirds of the household expenses and £104 on account of servants' wages and keep. The amount agreed for former years was one-third for household expenses and one-half for servants' wages and keep.

\* There is no generally recognized schedule of allowances, because this is a point on which any general rule would be apt to work unfairly, as so much depends on the individual circumstances of each case. A useful check on the reasonableness of a claim is to consider what is left—that is, in this case, one-third of the household expenses and servants' wages and keep less £104—as appropriate to personal use, having regard to the general amenity and standard of comfort enjoyed. If "L. H." is satisfied that the balance of the total expenditure after his allocation to professional purposes is not inadequate, we advise him to press his claim, though whether to take it to the point of

appearing personally before the Commissioners on appeal is a question we should prefer not to answer on the facts known to us.

**Earned Income Relief**

"PERPLEXED" has acquired a share in a practice, and is paying interest on the unpaid portion of the purchase money. Assuming that his share of the partnership liability is £1,000, out of which he pays £50 in interest, to what earned income relief is he entitled?

\* "Perplexed" pays tax at standard rate on the £50, but is entitled to deduct the tax on payment of the interest; in other words, he is the channel by which the lender pays tax on his £50 interest, and does not ultimately bear that tax himself. The tax he suffers is on the £950, which is his own income, and it is only on that amount that he is entitled to earned income relief—that is, one-fifth of £950 = £190 at 5s. in the £.

**LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.****Blood Condition of X-Ray and Radium Workers**

We learn that the X-Ray and Radium Protection Committee, which, as reported in the *Journal* of June 25th (p. 1182), is endeavouring to collect further evidence on the question of blood changes occurring in workers in radiological departments, has not yet received many replies to the questionnaire which it issued to various hospitals earlier in the year. The questions asked were as follows: (1) How many x-ray and radium workers have you whose blood is periodically examined? (2) Have any alterations of the blood occurred among the workers in your x-ray and radium departments? (3) If alterations have been found, please state in how many cases. (4) Will you supply typical blood counts and the pathological reports upon such cases? (5) Can you give some details of the worker's occupation and duration of service in each case cited? (6) How have the affected workers been treated and with what results? (7) Have you formulated any reasons why some of your workers showed blood changes, and if so, what were they? Replies should be forwarded to the honorary secretaries of the committee, 32, Welbeck Street, W.1. The committee hopes to make a review of the matter early in October.

**A Warning**

Information has reached the British Medical Association that a man claiming to be Dr. John Alexander Thomson has recently called at the offices of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, stating that he has been suffering from tuberculosis. Dr. J. A. Thomson died in 1931. The man posing as the late Dr. Thomson has also gone under the names of J. A. Payne, Eric Cox, Harold Johnson, and William Gray; he was convicted in 1929 and again in 1930 in respect of offences against the Dangerous Drugs and Poisons (Amendment) Act, and the Dangerous Drugs (Consolidation) Regulations. His usual practice is to visit general practitioners telling them that he is Dr. J. A. Thomson and that he is suffering from a tuberculous kidney, to relieve the pain of which he needs morphine. To help general practitioners to identify the man we give the following description: age, 36 years; height, 5 ft. 4½ in.; birthplace, Preston; complexion, fresh; hair, brown; eyes, grey; marks—scar left side of left eye, several indistinct tattoo marks, and scar on left forearm.

**Medical Services in Malaya**

We are asked to correct an error in our Educational Number of September 3rd (p. 493) headed "Medical Services in Malaya." No cost of living is now payable in addition to salaries. Reductions in travelling, transport, night and acting allowances have been made.



**Correction**


In an article in the *Epitome* (August 20th, 1932, para. 180) describing the treatment of Parkinsonism, the word "trypaflavine" was used in error for "trypan blue."


**Vacancies**


Notifications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, and 41 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 38 and 39. A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 172.


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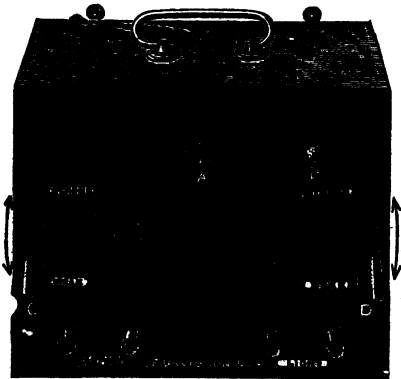
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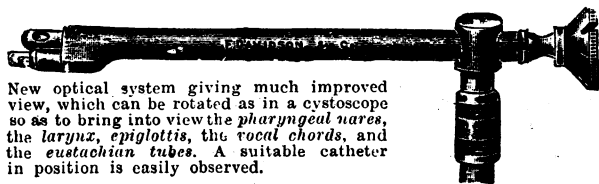
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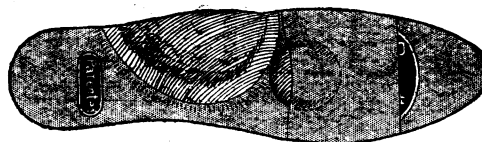
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