

Brought to light by a relative, Urban Marks's diary has been fascinating readers of the BMJ since we began publishing extracts 18 months ago. Spanning as his career did the introduction of Lloyd George's national insurance scheme and of the National Health Service—as well as two world wars—Urban Marks's accounts have an obvious interest for modern readers, who have had little experience of practice under any conditions other than the NHS. But there is also a touching naivete to his record of his relatives, his fellow medical students and family doctors, not to mention old style politics at the BMA and elsewhere, leading some readers to compare him to Mr Pooter of the Diary of a Nobody.

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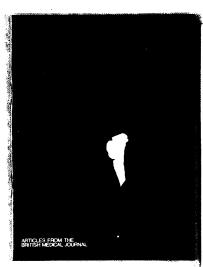
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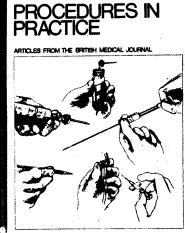
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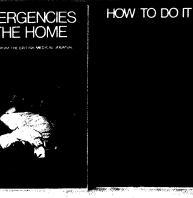
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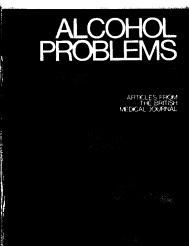


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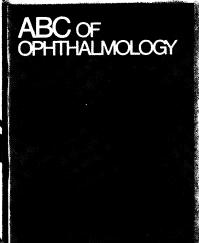


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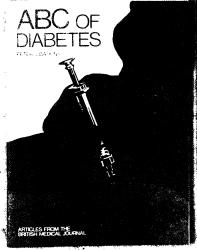
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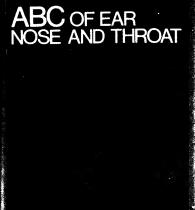
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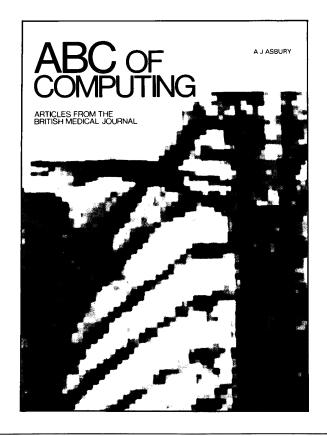
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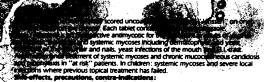
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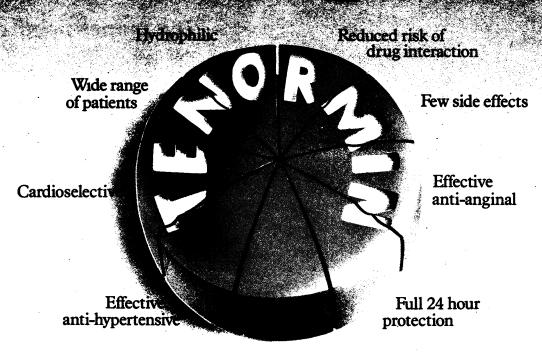
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