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There are still doctors who say that they cannot understand a word of the *BMJ* and that it is terribly serious. But this week's issue shows clearly how wrong those doctors are: it could be read almost entirely for laughs. The arguments over the new general practitioner contract may be becoming very serious (p 1342), the GMC may be under attack (pp 1372, 1379), and the clear article on tumour suppressor genes is worth close attention (p 1335)—but there is still plenty for those who want simply to relax. The articles on doctors and nurses in films (p 1398) dissect the genre carefully

but also tell us about a line that never quite ended *The Story of Pasteur*: "And to this day, housewives all over the world are grateful to this man because he invented pasteurised milk." Meanwhile, up the jungle, the debate continues on how to scare off wild animals (p 1383). One school advocates banging biscuit tins, but others favour using a "scare off a grizzly bear call" or charging at buffaloes. Unfortunately, the charge did not impress the buffalo, but all was not lost because the charger's "scars are concealed by conventional dress."