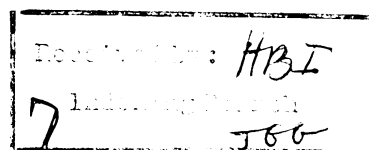




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(p 1428). Our recent paper on allergy to penicillin has provoked much correspondence, but there is consensus that many people who think they are allergic to penicillin are not and that the history is of more value than any investigation (p 1462). Finally, Caroline MacEwen and Nicholas Jones describe how in Britain sport has taken over from work and road accidents as the commonest cause of eye injuries (p 1415): two fifths of injuries result from sport, and half of those requiring admission to hospital suffer some permanent damage to their vision. Indoor racquet sports are one of the main causes, and the message is that eye protection should be worn.