

## RIGORS DURING TYPHOID FEVER.

SHIVERING attacks may occur in cases of typhoid fever under certain well-defined conditions, and they almost invariably mean mischief. They are, for example, common at the onset of the disease; secondly, when any complication sets in; such, for example, as pneumonia, kidney disease, or before perforation of the intestine takes place. Thirdly, they usually precede a relapse or the onset of pyæmic troubles. And finally, during convalescence, it is frequently found that a shivering attack precedes or accompanies the formation of a clot in one of the large veins. So that whenever an attack of shivering, however slight, is observed, it should always be most carefully noted and reported. The nursing of such cases, of course, is carried out on general principles; but the temperature and pulse should always be taken and charted immediately after the attack.

## LOCKJAW

A REMARKABLE case has recently been published in a French contemporary in which a woman suffering from puerperal convulsions was found to have bitten her tongue very deeply. After delivery, the convulsions ceased, but the wound of the tongue became painful, and eight days after labour she was attacked by tetanus, which was considered by the physicians to be clearly due to the tongue laceration. There was no other evident cause, at any rate, for the disease. In spite of all treatment she died in forty-eight hours. The antitoxin treatment for this disease, from which so much was hoped, had not yet established its claim to professional confidence.

## ILLUMINATING THE STOMACH.

A NUMBER of experiments have recently been made in Germany concerning the knowledge obtainable by illumination of the stomach. A small electric lamp with wire attached is introduced into that organ, and the light is turned on, when it is found that rays of light penetrate through the abdominal walls. As, however, these rays are greatly diffused and are not restricted to the precise area of the stomach walls, it has proved to be impossible to distinguish in this manner the exact size of the organ. But it has been incidentally shown that such illumination of the abdominal cavity is very valuable in making visible the presence of tumours of the spleen, or of solid growths in the immediate neighbourhood of the stomach.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCESS OF WALES has become patroness of the concert to be given, by kind permission of the Duchess of Sutherland, at Stafford House, on Thursday, June 11th, in aid of the Building Fund of the Free Home for the Dying, Clapham.

The Duke of York has fixed May 21st as the date upon which he will preside at a Festival Dinner in aid of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum (Bagshot) for Necessitous Boys and Girls.

The Duchess of Teck was a patron of the Festival Ball in aid of the Building Fund of the Royal Ear Hospital, Soho, which took place at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours, Piccadilly, on February 12th.

The Duke of Fife will preside at the forty-fifth Anniversary of the City Orthopædic Hospital, Hatton Garden, in May next.

Lady Sandhurst is the President of the Bombay Mofassil Nursing Association, which supplies trained Nurses to attend on sick Europeans residing in up-country stations.

Miss Louisa Stevenson has been elected one of the managers of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, the opposition which had so long been expressed, to allowing a woman to serve on the Board, having been gradually worn away. It is quite impossible to consider a Board of managers of any Hospital or Infirmary, where women are admitted as patients, as being a representative one unless there is a fair proportion of women members, and the sooner it is recognised that men cannot legislate for the domestic and social needs of women and children, the better for the community.

It is curious to find that reduced to a "weekly rate," the cost of lunatics in the three divisions of the kingdom varies so much. In England and Wales the weekly rate is 15s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., in Ireland 8s. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., and Scotland only 7s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

It is announced that the Hostel of God for the Sick and Dying, 82, The Chase, Clapham, is now under the control of the Sisters of St. Margaret's, East Grinstead.

The Red Cross Society of Belgium is initiating a movement for greatly enlarging the sphere of its usefulness in the cause of humanity. The mission for bringing relief to wounded on the battle-field was conferred on the Society by the Convention of Geneva in 1864, and the Belgian branch was incorporated by Royal decree in 1892. It is now proposed to utilise the local members in cases of civil as well as of military relief, and thus extend their functions to

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