

dition of the patient had greatly improved. The second case was apparently one of cancer of the stomach, and in this case also, injections for three weeks effected a remarkable improvement in the general health of the patient, while the tumour apparently disappeared. These results are so extraordinary, and they have been so corroborated by other observers, that it appears possible that a still more extended trial of the new remedy may produce still more effective results.

GRAVES' DISEASE.

A SOMEWHAT unusual treatment for this condition has recently been described in a French contemporary. The salicylate of soda which has proved so effective in the treatment of rheumatic complaints has been employed in four cases, and in each instance it is stated that the improvement which followed was most marked. In every case, however, the symptoms appear to have returned when the use of the drug was discontinued, though in one instance after taking it for two years it seems to have been left off without any bad results. The treatment, at any rate, although it appears to have been tried somewhat empirically, may prove to be physiologically correct in consequence of the undoubted power possessed by the drug upon the circulatory and nervous systems.

REFLEX EAR COUGH.

IT is a well-established fact that irritation of the ear produces cough. When, for example, a blunt hook, or even a speculum is introduced close to the tympanum of the ear, in many people a cough is provoked, which disappears as soon as the instrument is withdrawn. It is therefore easy to understand the fact that in cases of ear affection, a troublesome cough is the chief symptom. A case has even been known in which the patient appeared to be suffering from commencing consumption. There was cough, exhaustion, and night sweats. But it was found that the outer canals of both ears were plugged up with accumulations of wax, and when these were removed the chest symptoms completely disappeared. The reflex cough is easily explainable by the well-known anatomical fact that the pneumogastric nerve, which plays the chief part in the nerve control of respiration, possesses a branch which supplies the external canal of the ear. This reflex cough varies very much in its characters. Sometimes it is short, harsh and barking, sometimes it is even paroxysmal, like that of whooping cough; but in all cases where there is no evident reason in the throat or chest to account for the cough, it is well to remember the fact that it may be of reflex origin.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen has become patron of the grand bazaar in aid of St. Mary's Hospital, which is to be held at Portman Rooms on June 27th, 28th and 29th, which the Princess of Wales will open, and at which the Duke and Duchess of York will be present.

Much to the delight of Bart.'s medical students past and present, the extensive recreation ground which has been acquired at Winchmore Hill by the united efforts of the various cricket and athletic bodies of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital was declared open on Saturday by Sir Trevor Lawrence. Cricket, football, lawn tennis, and all kinds of athletics are catered for, and as the excellent grounds are only a short railway ride from the hospital they are assured of wide patronage from the students.

The grounds are delightful, though looking somewhat parched and dried up by the long drought. The ceremony of opening was well attended, in spite of the heat of the weather, and the various well-known athletes of the various united sporting bodies of St. Bart.'s looked radiantly happy.

The new royal mail steamer *Ariosto* was, by the kindness of Messrs. Thomas Wilson, *en fête* on June 3rd, when it was thrown open for inspection from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., when collections were taken on behalf of the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children at Hull. Several parts of the vessel were lighted up by electricity, and every effort was made by the Working Men's Committee to attract visitors to the ship. The amount collected was £18 15s., a nice little sum to hand over to the hospital coffers.

Princess Christian paid a visit to Maidenhead last week and opened a bazaar in aid of All Saints', Boyne Hill, Elementary School. Her Royal Highness, who was accompanied by Prince Christian, was presented with an address by the Mayor and Corporation at the Town Hall.

A most successful *matinée* in aid of the Clarence Memorial Wing of St. Mary's Hospital took place on Thursday afternoon at Terry's Theatre. This extension of the hospital is much needed, as for many years suitable cases have had to be sent away owing to lack of room. Miss May Yohè, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Miss Terriss and many other well-known professionals generously gave their services and entered heartily into the spirit of the parts they had to play.

The London companies of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps made a splendid showing last Saturday, when H. R. F. the Duchess of Teck, accompanied by the Duke, drove over to Putney Common to inspect them. Nearly 180 men mustered under the command of Surg.-Lieut.-Col. Norton, and a large number of spectators assembled to witness the proceedings. Towards 6 p.m., the time fixed for the inspection, a decided change for the better took place in the weather, which had been oppressive all the afternoon. Earlier in the day the manœuvres of the volunteers took place at Bisley, where several cases of sunstroke had to be treated. Fortunately there was nothing of the kind at Wimbledon.

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