

Our Guinea Prize.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss Amy Summers, Meathop Sanatorium, Grange-over-Sands, has won the Guinea Prize for July.

KEY TO PUZZLES FOR JULY.

- No. 1.—Papain.
Papa inn.
No. 2.—Varico Leg Bandage.
VA-rick-cow L-egg (hat)band-Age.
No. 3.—Glaxo.
GL axe-sow.
No. 4.—Emol-keleet.
EM-hole key-L-Eat.

The following competitors have also solved the puzzles correctly:—

N. A. Fellows, Birmingham; R. Leigh, Lympstone; W. Haviland, London; E. M. Walker, Putney; F. B. Mathews, London; T. Daly, Dublin; S. S. Sherring, Liverpool; M. Fleming, St. Andrews; L. M. Wilson, Winsford; C. Lindsay, Edinburgh; A. G. Layton, London; V. Newham, Virginia Water; R. L. Wiseman, Parsons Green; C. M. McCarthy, Wandsworth; C. Parsons, Kin-sale; M. Trew, Coventry; H. E. Ellis, Milford; E. A. Hood, Ewell; I. Bröchner, Ross; A. Grumnitt, Clifton; R. Conway, Aviemore; T. Sutton, Leith; A. May, Warwick; E. L. Little, Belfast; M. Woodward, Redhill; E. Burnett, Pontypridd; F. M. Sharp, Castle Bromwich; M. Foster, Manchester; K. Lipton, London; J. M. Jackson, Guildford; L. Waddington, Leeds; C. Douglas, Stirling; G. Smart, Cork; E. E. Sills, Oakham; M. Morley, Brighton; C. Mutton, Plymouth; N. Mostyn, Swansea; H. Leng, Penrith; B. Long, London; E. M. Perry, Chester; F. C. Bennet, Cardiff; A. M. Shoesmith, Durham; H. E. Reeve, Hampstead; M. Burr, Ebbford; S. Druce, London; E. C. Ragg, Curragh; A. L. Jary, Fakenham; E. M. Royds, London; C. Denny, Dublin; K. Ross, Stirling; E. Macfarlane, London; M. Jay, Sheffield; C. M. Cave-Browne-Cave, London; F. Sheppard, Tunbridge Wells; C. B. Manning, Edinburgh; F. Dowd, Dublin; C. Palethorpe, Greenock; A. W. Winram, Edinburgh; C. F. Lloyd, Rhyll; S. Mollison, London; P. Trueman, Halifax; E. Dinnie, Harrow; C. Murray, Glasgow; M. G. Allbrett, Wakefield; E. Shareman, Handsworth; M. Bridges, London; E. Douglas, Belfast; C. O'Brien, Longford; M. Morris, Hertford; K. Ferguson, Paisley; M. Northwood, Nottingham; H. Cobb, Attleborough; M. Modlin, London; E. Spencer, London; C. C. D. Cheshire, Woking; M. Lester, Leicester; E. A. Leeds, London; L. C. Cooper, Brighton; K. Foster, Wicklow; E. Green, Bexhill; F. Dalton, Portsmouth; S. Wright, Lingfield; T. Young, Glasgow; E. Arnott, Cork; P. C. Dewhurst, Maybole; C. Lacy, Birmingham; C. Upton, London; F. T. Pilkington, Manchester; A. Bostock, Norwich; F. K. Donelan, Wexford, C. Scott, Aberdeen.

The Rules for Prize Puzzles remain the same, and will be found on page xii. Competitors must sign initials, and write "Prize Puzzle Competition" on the envelope.

Legal Matters.

It will be remembered that a short time ago Miss Emily Shuttleworth, a probationer at the Hull Sanatorium, brought an action for breach of promise at the Manchester Assizes against the Medical Superintendent, Dr. A. G. P. Thomson, but the verdict was given against her. The circumstances of the case, as published in the press at the time, were too impure and disgusting for publication in these columns, but they revealed great laxity in the conduct of the institution. Miss Shuttleworth since applied at Manchester City Police Court for an affiliation order against the doctor, and after hearing all the evidence the Stipendiary Magistrate stated that he had come to the conclusion, after very great consideration, that the plaintiff had made out her case, and there must be an order against the defendant for five shillings a week till the child was 14 years of age, and he would allow 20 guineas costs.

The Hull Corporation Sanitary Committee, which apparently took no notice of the action at the Assizes, have now met and suspended Dr. Thomson from his office, and relieved the Matron of her duties until matters of administration are inquired into, and a special sub-committee of inquiry was formed to thoroughly investigate the Sanatorium administration. We are glad this tardy reparation is proposed in the interests of the patients, who invariably suffer when discipline is lax. In our view such proceedings should have been instituted immediately after the case was heard at the Assizes. The whole proceedings point to the necessity for hospital inspection by expert independent authorities, and for the inspection of the nursing departments by trained women inspectors, a plan which is working most successfully under the Local Government Board.

Practical Points.

Subcutaneous Purgatives.

Writing in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Dr. G. L. Rowntree, of Baltimore, describes the

various efforts made in the past to find a drug which could be used subcutaneously as a purgative with satisfactory results. The one described has an almost unpronounceable name—phenoltetrachlorophthalein. It was tried first in animal experimentation, and after it was proved that the injections produced no local irritation, and that it had no bad systematic effects, it was tried upon a number of patients with encouraging results and a promise of future usefulness. It is not soluble in water but is prepared in oil, which necessitates the administration of a rather large dose. It acts slowly, requiring from 18 to 24 hours to take effect, but the action continues over a period of from five to eight days. There is no abdominal distress but a daily soft evacuation of the bowels. It would seem to be of value for cases of coma, marked gastro-intestinal irritability, at the time of abdominal operations, and for the insane.

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