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Once I had secured a good combination of fibres, it became a question how to render them perfectly and permanently antiseptic. This fresh start led on to another series of trials, of which it is only useful for present purposes to recount the end. Every endeavour having failed, it suddenly struck me that within the absorbent cotton nucleus of the sponge might be enclosed a very thin ball or capsule, containing the antiseptic, of any kind, and, within certain limits, in any quantity desired; the antiseptic to be set free by cracking the capsule with a squeeze, just before using the sponge. The idea proves perfectly practicable, and Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., the manufacturing chemists, have undertaken to carry it out. Some little time must elapse before all the arrangements are complete; but sufficient evidence has so far been obtained to warrant the belief that the principle of my sponge may be adapted to the fulfilment of many requirements, as an absorbent and antiseptic sponge, pad, or dressing, in civil or military surgery, in medical and in obstetric practice.

A CASE OF HERNIA STRANGULATED FOR EIGHT DAYS; SUCCESSFUL REMOVAL.

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There has always appeared to be a want of some efficient shoulder-brace or chest-expander for the treatment of stooping habits, and of the stooping posture so common in cases of incipient lateral curvature. Those in common use I have found of very doubtful value. The elastic webbing of which most of them are made exercises but little and after several failures, with the aid of Messrs. Arnold and Son, of West Smithfield, I think I have succeeded in producing an efficient brace. It consists of two bands of solid rubber, which when in position form a cross round the shoulder; to the upper end of each band is attached a simple buckle, and to the lower end a leather strap, which in the position where it passes under the arm is softly padded, so that when buckled to the opposite end of the other rubber band at the top of the shoulder it forms a comfortable arm-circle. From the situation where the padded straps pass under the arms, a stout webbing to descendwise may be placed upon a webbing waistband. The apparatus will perhaps be better understood by reference to the accompanying woodcut. The brace should not be worn the whole day, but for two or three hours only at a time. I have used it extensively in the orthopedic department of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and so far have every reason to be satisfied with it. It is very useful conjoined with a systematic course of exercises in the early stage of lateral curvature of the spine.

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SMALL-POX having appeared in the neighbourhood of Rickmansworth, Lord Ebury, of Moor-park, has placed a large house at the disposal of the authorities for the solution of patients.

The French Hospital.

Small-pox continued at Birmingham, 796 cases, 177 deaths. There were no deaths at Weymouth.

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Some years ago a ligature of string was tied around my own stomach, the constriction was divided by a herniotomy-knife, guided by the tip of the index-finger. Between the intestine and the sac there were some recent but tolerably firm adhesions, which were torn through, and then the hernia and the sac were fully divided up on a director, and a knuckie of small intestine came into view, which was darkened from congestion, but not otherwise much affected. This was partly opened and the hernia was reduced. A broad circular portion of the sac close to the internal ring was then clamped off, and afterwards closed with four silver sutures, and a small indiarubber drainage-tube left in. The operation was completed in eight minutes; the patient bore the chloroform well, his pulse decidedly improved, and no further trouble was experienced. He recovered nothing but a few sips of iced champagne for the first few hours, and a hypodermic injection of morphia. The vomiting ceased completely and permanently. Four hours after the operation some flatus was passed. The pulse the next mor-