Soldiers and others invalided home would often furnish valuable clinical material. Future graduates in medicine will then be able to go forth from their college with such an intelligent understanding of tropical diseases as to justify their acceptance for service in our foreign possessions. Respectfully,

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The Hopelessly Insane.

WAUWATOSA, Wis., July 13, 1899.

To the Editor.—Your journal does me an injustice in reporting a paper (JOURNAL, xxxii, p. 105) read by me on "Contagion and Infection in Nervous and Mental Diseases," at the late meeting of the American Medico-Psychological Association in New York. Your words are, "Incidentally he advocated the somewhat radical measure of judicially ending the lives of the hopelessly insane." It would scarcely be necessary to explain that this was an error to those versed in these matters, but as many readers may be misled, I wish to say that in my paper I proposed to inquire whether various radical measures frequently advocated, among them electrocution for incurable insane, castration, etc., were practicable measures and the conclusion at which I arrived, distinctly given in my paper, was that such measures were not practicable. Please make this correction and oblige, Yours truly,

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A Novel Device.

MEMPHIS, TENN., July 11, 1899.

To the Editor.—In answer to the letter of Dr. W. H. DeWitt of Cincinnati (JOURNAL, June 17, p. 1378), I would say that the "cotton capsule" is a well-known and much-used expedient for getting gastric juice. It was first used, I believe, by Max Einhorn.

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- 4.—*Observations on Volvulus, with Report of Three Cases Submitted to Operation. Ellsworth Eliot.
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- 6.—*Importance of Blood Examinations in Reference to General Anesthesia and Operative Procedures. Hamilton Fish.

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- 8.—*Remote Results in Artisan's Palsy. F. Savary Pearce.
- 9.—Description of Adjustable Bracket for Reid Ophthalmometer. C. A. Oliver.
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- 11.—Bilateral Swelling of Submaxillary (Salivary) Glands in Typhoid Fever, without Enlargement of Parotids. D. J. Milton Miller.
- 12.—History of Medicine. David Riesman.

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- 15.—*New Spore-Producing Bacillus. F. P. Denny.
- 16.—*Relation of Depressor Nerve to Vasomotor Center. W. T. Porter and H. G. Beyer.
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- 25.—*Hygiene of Vision: Readable Print. Wm. B. Meany.
- 26.—*Peculiarities in Heart Affections in Children. P. F. Barbour.
- 27.—*Cerebrospinal Meningitis: Report of Case. L. C. Royster.
- 28.—*Vaccination and Revaccination. S. T. Payne, Jr.
- 29.—*Report of Case of Triplets. J. Louis Early.

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- 34.—*Throat Cough. James A. Bach.
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- 50.—Constipation. Wellington Burke.
- 51.—*Posture in Reading. Fred Baker.
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- 53.—Otology and Rhino-laryngology—up to Date. B. F. Church.
- 54.—Purification of Drinking Water. H. Shafer.

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