

The Period of Incubation in Tetanus.

TYLER, TEXAS, July 29, 1904.

To the Editor:—In report of my case of tetanus in *THE JOURNAL*, July 23, 1904, kindly make the following corrections: The patient was injured Saturday, Sept. 1, 1894, at about 7:30 p. m. Amputation at thigh was done Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1894, at 6:15 p. m. Tetanus suddenly developed at 5 a. m. on the following morning, Thursday, and he died from tetanus at 3:15 p. m. on this day, which was five days from date of injury.

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Queries and Minor Notes.

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS will not be noticed. Queries for this column must be accompanied by the writer's name and address, but the request of the writer not to publish his name will be faithfully observed.

PREGNANCY FROM RAPE DOES NOT JUSTIFY ABORTION.

—, —, July 30, 1904.

To the Editor:—Please answer in the next issue of *THE JOURNAL* the following question, kindly withholding from publication the name and place: Is the production of abortion unjustifiable or illegal in a pregnancy resulting from rape? In the case in mind a young girl, 16 years old and of unquestionable reputation, was drugged, and while in an unconscious state criminally assaulted. She was found still in a semi-unconscious condition and has no recollection of the deed, but the results of an examination by myself at the time (an examination both of her person and microscopically of the vaginal contents and of stains on her clothing) showed conclusively that coitus had been effected. The act occurred directly following her menstrual period and present indications point to a probable pregnancy.

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ANSWER.—The enormity of the crime of rape—even if a pregnancy be thus forced on an innocent girl—does not justify murder. This is law. Our correspondent's last sentence leads us to suggest that he bear in mind, when considering the diagnosis of pregnancy, that authorities state that pregnancy is rare after real rape, and that the fright may easily cause suppression of menstruation and other subjective symptoms.

Marriages.

JOHN P. BENSON, M.D., to Miss Irene Devine, both of Joliet, Ill., July 14.

SIDNEY V. WEST, M.D., to Miss Minnie Miles, both of Colusa, Cal., June 29.

J. C. S. SIEGFRIED, M.D., Wilbeaux, Mont., to Miss Lila Beggs of Chicago, May 25.

ROY W. CHIVERS, M.D., Jackson, Mich., to Miss Ella Ducher of Gladwin, July 19.

JOHN A. RUAN, M.D., to Miss Rachel Llewellyn, both of Beacon, Iowa, July 6.

CHARLES E. SLAGLE, M.D., to Miss Myrtle Shoup, both of Abingdon, Ill., June 28.

ELLA ABBOTT, M.D., to WILLIAM HARRY TATMAN, M.D., both of Oklahoma City, Okla.

HARRY W. LONG, M.D., to Miss Emily Rees, both of Escanaba, Mich., July 6.

EDWIN NICHOLS, M.D., Newark, Ohio, to Miss Olive Spencer of Dresden, Ohio, July 6.

WILLIAM F. SPEERS, M.D., to Miss Agnes E. Petersen, both of Davenport, Iowa, July 20.

CLEMENT BOCKOVEN, M.D., Bryant, Ind., to Miss DE COU, M.D., of Chicago, June 29.

LOUIS GREIBER, M.D., Foster City, Mich., to Miss Clara Kibby of Escanaba, Mich., July 6.

FREDERICK B. SCHNEIDER, M.D., to Miss Verda Phillips, both of Deadwood, S. D., July 9.

JOHN C. LAUKIN, M.D., to Miss Daisy Turney Spargur, both of Hillsboro, Ohio, July 19.

CHARLES E. MORGAN, M.D., Humboldt, Ill., to Miss Sarah Dole of Mattoon, Ill., July 7.

H. A. ANGUS, M.D., Garrison, Iowa, to Miss Alice Holbrook of Chicago Heights, Ill., June 29.

GUY C. CONKLE, M.D., Boyne Falls, Mich., to Miss Edith A. Crego of Brooklyn, Mich., July 7.

ARTHUR D. WEST, M.D., Moline, Ill., to Miss Margaret E. Rosborough of Elgin, Ill., June 28.

JAMES W. FRAZIER, M.D., Honey Creek, Iowa, to Miss Mildred E. Smith of Omaha, Neb., June 29.

GEORGE MARESH, M.D., Riverside, Iowa, to Miss May Boyington of Lone Tree, Iowa, July 14.

BENJAMIN H. VOEBEL, M.D., Vailsburg, N. J., to Miss Jessie E. Stevens, at Hechester, Md., July 14.

JOSEPH C. REIFSNYDER, M.D., Scranton, Pa., to Miss L. Claire Whitmoyer of Bloomsburg, Pa., July 1.

D. EDWARD WARREN, M.D., Trenton, N. Y., to Miss Mary P. Johnson of Canandaigua, N. Y., July 7.

HENRY ASHBURN DAVIS, M.D., Cairo, Ill., to Miss Bertie Nancy Moore of Commerce, Mo., July 6.

FRED P. LIERLE, M.D., Marshalltown, Iowa, to Miss Eugenia Margaret West of Osceola, Neb., July 27.

OTTO A. WALL, JR., M.D., St. Louis, Mo., to Miss Emma Elizabeth Babler of Eldorado Springs, Mo., July 6.

ROBERT M. LITTLE, M.D., East St. Louis, Ill., to Miss Mabel Allyn of Modesta, Ill., at East St. Louis, Ill., July 7.

WALLACE A. AITKEN, M.D., Valley Falls, Kan., to Miss La Verne McKeever of Oklahoma City, Okla., July 21.

JAMES W. MACDONALD, M.D., Aurora, Ill., to Miss Bertie Grace Hardie of Chicago, at Milwaukee, Wis., June 17.

Deaths.

Frantz H. Coe, M.D. University of Michigan Department of Medicine and Surgery, 1888, a member of the American Medical Association; president of the State Board of Medical Examiners, and of the Washington State Medical Association; one of the most prominent physicians of Washington, who, although suffering acutely, presided over the deliberations of the state medical association, collapsed, July 16, and died from Bright's disease, at his home in Seattle, the same morning, aged 47. He had been for ten years surgeon of the Northern Pacific and Seattle and International railways.

Edward W. Lambert, M.D. College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York City, 1857, medical director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society since 1858, member of the New York Academy of Medicine, the Pathological Society, the Medical Society of the County of New York, the Medical and Surgical Society, etc.; attending physician to St. Luke's Hospital, the Nursery and Child's Hospital, died from heart disease at his home in New York City, July 17, aged 73.

Harry S. Torrance, M.D. Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1890, a member of the American Medical Association; Colorado State Medical Society and Teller County Medical Society; a member of the Board of Health of Cripple Creek, Colo., was killed in a wreck on the Cripple Creek Short Line Railway, near Cameron, Colo., July 5, aged 35. The executive committee of the board, at a special meeting, July 13, adopted resolutions of respect and sympathy.

Charles G. Ward, M.D. Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, N. H., 1882; coroner of Oneida County, N. Y., from 1896 to 1899, visiting physician to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Utica, and sometime vice-president of Oneida County Medical Society and president of the Utica Medical Club, died at his home in Utica, July 3, from uremia, after a short illness, aged 49.

Seymour T. Jarecki, M.D. College of Physicians and Surgeons in the City of New York, 1894, a member of the American Medical Association, assistant county physician of Denver County, Colo., who was murderously assaulted at his office in Denver by an unknown assailant in December last, was shot and killed at his home in Denver, June 30.

Frank Anthony Walke, M.D. Department of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1852, surgeon in the U. S. Navy prior to the Civil War, and then surgeon to the Forty-Sixth Virginia Infantry, C. S. A., died at his home in Norfolk, Va., July 5, after an illness of three weeks, aged 73.

Richardson B. Okie, M.D. Medical Department University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1870, manager of the country branch of Rush Hospital, Philadelphia, and visiting physician to the Presbyterian Hospital, Devon, Pa., died at his home in Berwyn, Pa., from heart disease, July 30.

Henry M. We'herill, M.D. Medical Department University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1877, formerly surgeon to the Pennsylvania Hospital and Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane,