

There is no mystery in the matter, no difficulty which cannot be overcome by those who will be at the pains of studying and practising the proceeding. It has been resorted to with perfect success in some of the hospitals of this city, in St. Bartholomew's, in Dublin, in Glasgow, and in many of the provincial towns. In the Edinburgh Hospital, lithotripsy has, for a series of years, been employed, *in all cases suited for it*, and with almost invariable success. The public ought not to be called on to support any hospital for this operation exclusively. If patients apply for relief to a man, who can *crush* or *grind* stones only, they will be subjected to that proceeding, whatever the circumstances of the cases may be. If to a man who can only *cut*, they will all be cut. Such is my view of the matter at least, and of many with whom I have conversed on the subject. I am, Sir, yours, &c.

ANTI-HUMBUG.

Hammersmith, Feb. 9, 1835.

CYCLOPÆDIA OF PRACTICAL SURGERY.

—*To the Editor.*—Sir, in reply to the inquiry respecting the "Cyclopædia of Practical Surgery," contained in the notice to correspondents in your LANCET of last week, I beg to refer you to the advertisements of that publication, which I understand will appear in the periodicals of the present week. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

WILLIAM BLOXAM.

26, George Street, Hanover Square,
February 10th, 1835.

WATER TRUSS PADS.—*To the Editor.*

—Sir, In a late number of THE LANCET a correspondent inquired where "water truss-pads" were to be obtained. I beg to state that the inventor (Mr. Forster) has now brought them to a state of great perfection. The superiority of the water-pad to any hitherto manufactured will ultimately lead to its universal adoption, and to the expulsion of those now used. Cases of hernia have occurred in my practice which have failed to derive the necessary support from any of the common pads, but which were efficiently restrained by a truss having a water-pad, its elastic power being completely under the control of the wearer, the quantity of water being regulated by a valvular opening. Another invention of Mr. Forster is a bag of thin sheet Indian-rubber, to be used in diseases of the testicles which require the constant application of cold; a wet sponge or linen can thus be applied while the patient pursues his ordinary avocations. As the

manufacturer has not at present a convenient place in which the profession could inspect the articles, specimens of them may be seen at my residence by any professional gentleman before twelve o'clock, and the address of Mr. Forster obtained. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,

G. R. MART, Surgeon.

49, Frith-street, Soho-square,
January 26, 1835.

CORRESPONDENTS.

The paragraph signed *A Constant Reader* should have been authenticated; besides, we are at a loss to know what is the nature of a "medical assistantship to a dispensary."

As *Mr. A.* regards the objections to the antiphlogistic plan as "too erroneous to deceive any thinker in the profession," we have less hesitation in laying his communication aside. As a means of caution to non-professional readers, it is too technical.

A notice of the death of Dupuytren will be found at page 702 of our present No.

The letter of a *Country Practitioner*, on "Ophthalmic Quackery," forwarded to the Council of the College of Surgeons, is replete with excellent points, but, unfortunately, the whole document is libellous.

J. B. A sea voyage might completely re-establish the health of the child, and a cold climate, if it be dry, is not injurious to the disease named by our correspondent.

A Pupil at the Webb-Street School complains that the diagrams used by Mr. Everett are not sufficiently clear to convey information.

a. We will see what can be done. This week it is not possible. Thanks for the expression of good feeling entertained by the writer.

A. The pamphlet and letter reached us. The animal is too good to be allowed to escape, and shall be safely netted.

We have in type the letters of A Blue—Mr. Richards—A Guy's Student—Vena Portæ—Mr. Mole—Dr. Davidson, and Dr. London, for all of which room shall be found next week.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Account of the Epidemic Cholera as it appeared in Cincinnati. By Daniel Drake, M.D. Ohio, 1833.

The Medical Pocket Book for 1835, containing a Case-book and Almanack, with Accounts of Medical Corporations, Societies, and Schools; with Information relative to Drawing up Cases, Medical Evidence, Poisons, New Medicines, and an Abstract of the Pharmacopœia. By John Foote, jun. London. Renshaw, pp. 166.

The Dublin Journal of Medical and Chemical Science; including the latest Discoveries in Medicine, Surgery, Chemistry, and the Collateral Sciences, to Jan. 1835. Dublin. Hodges and Smith.