

BALLING HOOFS.—One of the troubles doctors—especially country practitioners—have to contend with, is the balling of the hoofs of their steeds with snow. A Detroit medico announces he has discovered a remedy therefor in glycerin, which is applied to the under side of the hoofs and to the shoes just prior to leaving the stable.—*Medical Age*.

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THE NEW IMPONDERABLE.—The new force—analogue in some respects to light, but certainly not completely identical with light as we are accustomed to regard it—with which, as the newspapers have informed the world, Professor Röntgen, of Würzburg, has succeeded in depicting objects that are inaccessible to ordinary vision, such as the bones of a living hand, may turn out to be serviceable in clinical investigations. At present, however, and until more is known concerning the “x rays,” little else than speculation can be indulged in as regards their value as an aid in diagnosis.—*New York Medical Journal*.

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LIFE INSURANCE FEES.—Many of the life insurance companies are feeling the effect of hard times. They find it necessary to economize, and have concluded to reduce the medical examiner's fee. There is not a board of directors of any life insurance company in the land that believes the medical examiner is overpaid or even sufficiently paid. Nor is there a board that believes that it would be economy to employ an irresponsible examiner. The directors do know, however, that medical men will submit to almost any form of imposition from corporations—that if the older examiners will not submit to a reduction, there will be no difficulty in getting good men to take their places. The medical profession should stand together in this matter. For a company that pays its president \$100,000 a year to reduce the medical examiner's fee in order to economize, is simply an insult and indignity to the medical profession. Physicians can live without the assistance of life insurance companies, but life insurance companies cannot do business without the services of the medical examiner. It is clearly the fault of the profession and not of the companies if a reduction in examiner's fees is tolerated. A united profession and the fees will stand; divided and the fees will fall. Examiners should bring this matter before every medical society in the country, obtain the support of the whole profession, and the companies will be compelled to economize where economy will be in the interest of the insured. Perhaps the companies could do with less extravagant and costly buildings, for instance.—*Pacific Medical Journal*.