

IT has been computed that \$60,000,000 have been spent for patent medicines in the United States for one year, an amount sufficient to give every physician in the American union an income of \$2,000.

IN the April 22nd issue of the *Medical Record*, Dr. George M. Gould, of Philadelphia, has an interesting and able article on Visual Function, the cause of slanted handwriting; its relation to school hygiene, school desks, mal-posture, spinal curvature and myopia.

DR. WILLIAM S. THAYER, who was elected to the chair of clinical medicine in the Johns Hopkins Medical School on April 3rd, has returned to Baltimore, and will assume his new duties at the beginning of the next scholastic year. The work of Dr. Osler is thus divided between Dr. Thayer and Dr. Parker.

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THE illness of Lady Curzon has already cost \$50,000, which is exactly one-half of Lord Curzon's salary as Governor-General of India. It is said that several famous specialists have lived for days at Walmer Castle at \$500 a day apiece. Each time additional medical attendance or special medicaments were needed from London, a special train was chartered.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette* is responsible for the following: A hospital surgeon of London, England, was engaged to attend the wife of a Russian tailor residing in the metropolis. Finding that it was a purely charity case the surgeon turned it over to his assistant, although he fully intended to stay and see things out himself. This was objected to, and the assistant was refused to see the woman. Three men were called in to bully the surgeon, who put on his coat, prepared to leave. Then the husband, backed by his bullies, seized the surgeon by the throat and compelled attendance. Subsequently the husband received two months' sentence at hard labor.

SIR JAMES PAGET has followed up the careers of some 1,000 who studied in the school of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, England. He states that 23 have met with distinguished success; 66 with considerable success; 507 with fair success; 124 a limited success; 96 stopped studying medicine; 41 died while pupils, and 87 died within twelve years of commencing practice.