

Miscellaneous.

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PAIN IN OTITIS.—Dr. George H. Powers, Professor of Ophthalmology and Otology in the University of California, San Francisco, in an article in the *Medical News*, writes as follows, in reference to the treatment of pain in otitis: "At my first visit I found a copious discharge of bloody serum from the ear with hardly a trace of pus. He suffered from severe cephalalgia, but there was no special tenderness in or about the ear, and no swelling. Thorough cleansing of the meatus with dry cotton relieved the pain in the head remarkably, and with a dose of antikamnia, 10 grains, he slept some hours."

A DOG, A PIPE, AND A WOMAN.—A patient in the Royal Infirmary, for whom it was my duty to perform minor surgical services, presented me one New Year's day with a fine specimen of a Skye terrier pup as an expression of gratitude. Professor Syme happened to come suddenly and unexpectedly upon me one day while sitting on the doorstep of the Royal Infirmary after business hours, along with one or two of the old nurses, playing with my pup. In a good-natured, pleasant manner he said, "Mr. Maclean, is that your dog?" I had no choice but to plead guilty. He at once assumed an air of mock severity and looking straight at me said, "Then permit me to inform you that there are just three steps to ruin a young man: first, a *dog*; second, a *pipe*; and third, a *woman*." The experiences of my life from that day to this have, I must say, failed to fully justify the professor's oracular utterance. I have rarely seen the day that I have not been the happy possessor of one or more dogs, and surely have had no occasion to blame them for any misfortunes which may have befallen me. As for the pipe, I have never availed myself of its comforting and insidious influences; and so far as the third, and last, "step" is concerned, I have only to declare, as a matter of actual truth and simple justice, that from my cradle to the present time women have ever been my greatest comfort, blessing and inspiration, in spite of an occasional attack of heartache which, after all, proved to be quite evanescent.—DR. MACLEAN in *Medical Age*.