

Miscellaneous.

The Street Noises of London.

The street noises of London have been greatly increased by the recent introduction of the motor bus, and in many neighborhoods constitute a great nuisance. A "Noise Abatement Committee," consisting principally of physicians, held a meeting at the rooms of the Medical Society of London. Among those present were Sir Dyce Duckworth, Mr. Mayo Robson and Dr. Radcliffe Crocker. The following resolutions were adopted: 1. The present excess of noise in the public thoroughfares of London is such as to cause disastrous consequences to the health and vitality of the people, and legislation in respect to the growing evil of street noises is urgently needed, and should be promoted without delay. 2. Legislation should provide for prevention by the police of street shouting by coal or other hawkers, costermongers, milkmen, and vendors of newspapers, of organ grinding and of itinerant brass bands and other forms of music; it should also provide for the effective supervision, regulation and control as to speed and otherwise of all classes of vehicles used for the carriage of passengers or goods, such as motor omnibuses, traction engines, lorries and trucks; the routes through which such vehicles should be allowed to pass should be directed: and noisy traffic through purely residential streets should be prohibited at least between midnight and 6 a.m.

Pneumonia Following Stab-Wound. BY J. A. DAVIS, M.D., of Norman, Oklahoma.

On January 11th, 1905, Mr. C., aged 20, was stabbed in the back below the scapula, and when I saw him twenty minutes after the affray, he was suffering from profound shock. I carried out the usual operative procedures, and the patient rallied, doing well until the night of the eighth day, when he had a severe chill, presaging pneumonia.

I feared a fatal result, as the left pleural cavity contained considerable bloody serum, and immediately applied a thick dressing of Antiphlogistine, ten inches wide, from the spinal column to the median line, in the front, and kept up this treatment for three weeks, changing the dressing every morning. By this time the lung was perfectly clear, and there was no further use for the external application.

The Antiphlogistine was covered by a cotton jacket, and held in place with a cloth bandage. The pain was relieved by hypodermics of morphine and atropine, and the heart was sustained by strychnine. Outside of a little calomel and some laxatives,