

this point, to give way at last to the pressure of Mme. de Maintenon and his clerical advisers? The answer lay in one of his molar teeth. It is historical that he had for some months bad toothache, caries, abscess of the jaw, and finally a sinus which required operation, and it was at this time, when he was pathologically abnormal and irritable, that he took the step which has modified history. Great results may depend upon a king's jaw or a statesman's digestion."—*Mail and Empire*.

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The glass blowing industry and the manufacture and repair of X-ray tubes has been entirely neglected in Canada until now, and the Thermos Bottle Co., Limited, 12-14 Sheppard Street, Toronto, have undertaken this work. They have expert German glass blowers and have all the special appliances necessary to manufacture and repair X-ray tubes. This departure should be appreciated by the profession, and in any communication mailed to them will receive prompt attention. The writer knows personally that they are doing most excellent work in X-ray repairs.

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#### **Important Physical Signs in the Diagnosis of Incipient Pulmonary Tuberculosis**

P. H. Ringer (*New York Medical Journal*) refers to a unilateral shoulder droop, hollowing of the supraclavicular fossa, or its flattening without its becoming hollowed, etc. Palpation should be done with the pulps of two fingers. In percussion importance is attached to a shortening of the note with a heightening of the pitch over one apex. Another sign of value is the expansibility of the bases of the lungs, both in front and behind. The earliest respiratory change noted is granular, rude, or rough breathing.—*Medical Record*.

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#### **Dermatitis from Application of a Mercurial Lotion.** TISSIER and CORPECHOT, *Le Progres Medical*.

A healthy woman, aged 32, was admitted to hospital at the end of her sixth pregnancy. She stated that after her previous confinements, except the first, she had suffered from an eruption of the lower abdomen, inner surface of the thighs, and around the anus. This she attributed to the use of lotions of corrosive sublimate for washing the parts during the puerperium. There