

HUNTING A LOST BALL.—The Roentgen ray and the location of bullets brings to mind an old army story about a general officer, wounded in the fleshy part of the leg, where the surgeons made many incisions. At last, growing tired and worn with pain, he asked if they were nearly through dressing his leg. "I am looking for the ball," said the operating surgeon. "Why the devil didn't you say so before?" roared the officer; "I have the ball in my pocket!"—*Journal of the American Medical Association.*

IRRIGATION BEDS AND HEALTH.—Weyl (*Berl. klin. Woch.*) investigated the truth of the statement that irrigation beds are open to the suspicion of spreading infective diseases. He investigated the health of those persons living near the Berlin irrigation beds, which are the largest of the kind in the world. He says: "The

irrigation beds have either caused no disease or but slight disease amongst the persons living near and working upon them." He further says that properly managed irrigation beds are no source of danger to health, and that, "up to the present they are by far the best method of dealing with the sewage of towns." The method is not complete, since it does not lead to the destruction of all pathogenic micro-organisms as was at first expected. Drain water may contain bacilli of typhoid, etc., and therefore ought not to pass on the beds without previous disinfection. — *Brit. Med. Jour.*

Flora is three years old. In playing about the house she struck her hand and rubbed up the skin. Away she went to her mother, crying, "Ow, ow! boo, hoo! mamma, I've knocked the peelin' off my hand."

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