

The Dress Regulations for the Army, 1894, section VIII., sub-section II., reads: "Medical officers of Militia Battalions who have not elected to serve on the Departmental List will continue to wear the uniform of their regiments, but with cocked hats, plumes, belts and pouches, as for officers of corresponding rank in the Army Medical Staff." We may remark that, under the new regulations, medical officers above the rank of Brigade Surgeon wear the frock, but those below are to wear patrol jackets. An undress sword knot of black leather is to be worn, as are also black morocco cross belts and waist belts (without gold lace) in undress.

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THE GERM THEORY OF DISEASE.—Mr. Lawson Tait (*Buffalo Medical and Surgical Journal*, December, 1894), denounces the germ theory of disease in surgery as a phantasm. He contends in vigorous language for rigid cleanliness in all operations. He holds that the great credit for the introduction of aseptic methods is due to Simpson, and not to Lister. The author contends that all that is needed is thorough cleanliness. He states that he has never had a case of erysipelas following an operation. He urges that the improvement in hospitals is not in the introduction of antiseptics, but in the separation of patients, free ventilation and sufficient cubic space to each.

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TREATMENT OF NERVOUS TROUBLES IN THE DYSPEPTICS.—Dr. Cuffer, of Necker Hospital, Paris (*Interat. Med. Mag.*, Nov., 1894), in the course of a lecture on the above subject, calls attention to several nervous phenomena of dyspeptic patients. One of these is a pyloric crises. In two or three hours after eating there is the feeling of a painful constriction in the region of the stomach. It is evidently due to painful spasm of the pylorus. It is met with in neurasthenics. There is sometimes an effusion of fluid with this pain, on the principle of the old adage—*ibi dolor, ibi fluxus*. There is a neuralgia with congestion. Sometimes there is dilatation of the stomach, with neuralgia of the whole spinal column. There may be vertigo, aphasia or paralysis. These attacks may be repeated and become permanent. In the treatment stimulate the nervous system by friction, hydrotherapy, statical electricity and strychnia, washing out the stomach when impregnated with quassia, and if there is gastritis by an alkaline solution. The pyloric spasm can be at once relieved by ether spray over that region. Vesication over the back of the neck sometimes controls the reflex action of the medulla.