

concave reflector, and the intensity of the light varied by interposition of tinted glass sheets.

SOME lucky snapshotist secured an excellent negative of the Prince of Wales in the act of smiling, which netted him the very pleasing sum of fifty pounds and a penny royalty on every copy sold. Our informant does not say what kind of a "smile" the Prince was indulging in, and thus leaves us to draw our own conclusions.

PHOTOGRAPHY has proved a most valuable aid to the physician, says the *American Journal of Photography*, and the increased use during the last few years of photography for obtaining records of clinical conditions is a great advance in clinical methods. In many cases no verbal description can surpass a good photograph of the patient, and the value of the preservation of such photographs for comparison with the condition presented by the patient at a later date can hardly be exaggerated. Further, the preservation of such portraits and their comparison with the condition of the patients at later dates will often give valuable assistance in determining whether the treatment should be modified or resumed. In the same way photographs of diseased or injured portions of the body will often be of the greatest service, not only as contributing by their accuracy to the advance of medicine, but also in the interests of the individual patient.

THE publishers of the *Photogram* announce a series of prize competitions in connection with their maga-

zine. Over \$1,200 in prizes will be distributed in the various competitions, which are as follows: (1) For the best half dozen photograms suitable to use as initial letters, head pieces, or tail pieces; (2) for the best letter of not more than 1,000 words, giving advice and suggestions for the improvement of the *Photogram*; (3) for the best suggestion as to how the *Photogram* challenge shield could be best used for the advancement of photography in its widest sense; (4) for the best practical article on a photographic subject, to consist of not less than 1,000 and not more than 5,000 words—may be illustrated or not; (5) for the best practical article on a photo-mechanical subject, with same stipulations as No. 4; also (6) classes in landscape competition, and a societies' competition. All information may be obtained from the publishers of the *Photogram*, 6 Farringdon Avenue, London, E.C., England.

IN a local paper lately a case was shown where photography proved conclusively an alteration in one figure of a number where the change had been so skilfully accomplished as to completely deceive the eye. The case was in reference to the parochial school controversy in Manitoba, and was as follows: The Roman Catholic contention before the Privy Council of England and elsewhere has been that when Manitoba entered the Canadian confederation in 1870, the bill of rights adopted by the Government declared that the Catholic schools should not be interfered with. The Protestant contention has