

OPERATIVE TREATMENT OF TRAUMATIC RUPTURE OF THE DIAPHRAGM.—Schlatter (*Korrespondenzblatt für schweizer Aerzte*) reports an instance of successful operation for a penetrating wound of the chest, which extended through the diaphragm into the abdominal cavity. The patient had received several wounds by stabbing in the left side of the chest. Through one of these, which was situated in the ninth intercostal space, there was a protrusion of omentum, on the reduction of which a penetrating wound could be felt in the diaphragm. After the protruded omentum had been replaced in the abdominal cavity, and the wound in the thoracic wall enlarged, the slit in the diaphragm was closed by sutures. Healing occurred by first intention,

and the patient made a good recovery. —*British Medical Journal.*

QUININE AS A PROPHYLACTIC AGAINST INFLUENZA.—Graeser (*Wien. klin. Rundschau*) was led to try the effects of quinine in the prevention of influenza by the similarity shown by the onset and course of this disease to those of malaria. During the influenza epidemic he administered quinine to some of the employees of various establishments but not to others, and found that the former acquired a considerable amount of protection. Thus, for instance, in one out of five squadrons encamped at Bonn, 0.5 g. quinine hydrochlorate was administered daily to each man in his schnapps for twenty-two days. During this treatment only seven men in the squadron

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