

Letter to the Editor

responses to artificial stimulations such as the caloric and galvanic and confined himself to the physiological stimulations of rotation and fall. There is an interesting chapter on the study of ataxia after unilateral labyrinthectomy. Although, theoretically, the more deeply one studies the problem of equilibration from a physiological viewpoint the more precise become one's clinical appreciations, it does not appear to the reviewer that this book is likely to prove very valuable to the practising otologist.

The book is well illustrated and there is a very complete bibliography.

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TO THE EDITOR,

The Journal of Laryngology and Otology.

My friend, Mr. Douglas Guthrie, has requested me to make the following corrections in connection with his abstract of my paper on "Practical Remarks on the Treatment of Laryngeal Tuberculosis" (*Medical Press and Circular*, April 17th, 1935).

One is on page 558, which should read that "Sometimes it is advisable to induce cough, as when there is difficulty in securing a specimen of sputum; this may be done by asking the patient to *sniff the fumes* from the neck of a bottle at the bottom of which are a few drops of mustard oil, and to cough out the expectoration through the open mouth with the head bent well over the basin." I venture to consider the procedure to be one of considerable value in revealing the presence of bacilli when previous specimens have been found negative.

The other is a printer's error. In line 11 of the same page, where it is stated that "*only* fluids may be injected into the larynx by the transnasal route," the correct wording is "*oily* fluids may be injected."

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