

Railway Hospital, Lumding. The patient, an adult male, came complaining of fever and pain in the region of the liver. On examination of what was supposed to be an enlarged and tender liver, it was found that the tumour had a spleen-like notch palpable about two finger-breadths below the right costal margin. On further examination it was found that the heart was situated on the right side, and the liver on the left, the latter being palpable about two finger-breadths below the left costal margin.

On further search for any other abnormalities, it was found that the right radial artery crosses the wrist about an inch and a half above the normal position. No other abnormalities could be detected. Benign tertian malarial parasites were found in blood films from the patient, who is still under treatment for malaria. The patient was shown to Dr. F. C. Lees, Medical Officer, Assam-Bengal Railway, who corroborated the findings.—Yours, etc.,

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LUMDING, A.-B. RY.
28th October 1927.

WHY ARE WE ONE-SIDED?

To the Editor, THE INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE.

SIR,—Some time last year I addressed a query to the *Indian Medical Gazette*, asking for information

Now it makes one wonder how we came to stray so far from our original condition, and if the foregoing is correct, it would appear that the long-continued testicular predominance would account for it.

Comparing ourselves again to the lower animals we find that we differ from the mammals, not only in our one-sidedness, but also in the fact that man is the only child of Nature who has forsaken the rule of periodicity in sexual intercourse and I venture to think that in this will be found my answer.

It may be found that the remedy is in the hands of women, and that the modern "freedom for women" movement is progressing unconsciously towards that very goal.—Yours, etc.,

L. V. JANESCH, I.M.D.,
Civil Surgeon.

GONDA, U. P.
20th October, 1927.

THE MILK OF HIMALAYAN COWS.
A CORRECTION.

To the Editor, "THE INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE."

SIR,—In my article on the "Quality of Milk of Some Special Breeds of Himalayan Cows," which was published in the *Indian Medical Gazette* for October 1927, there were certain misprints. For instance, on p. 557 the following correction should be made.

Breed.	% Total Solids			% Fat.			% Non-fatty solid.			REFERENCE.
	Max.	Min.	Aver.	Max.	Min.	Aver.	Max.	Min.	Aver.	
Hariana (Lucknow)	15.15	11.69	..	6.29	2.94	..	9.42	8.44	..	McMahan. Murray's Chem- istry of Dairying.
Germany, Worker- Fleischmann.	12.25	4.30	2.7	3.4	

with regard to the one-sidedness of man, and the causes for this.

I am afraid that I must have expressed myself badly as the two readers who commented upon my query showed that they had "missed the bus."

My chief point was that of all animals, man is the only one-sided one, and that since we were made with two sides to our brains, to use only one showed an evolution that was degenerating. I suggested that there must be a cause for this and that bisymmetrical development might be regulated by an unknown centre.

My query elicited no real information. Perhaps it is of so unimportant and uninteresting a nature, as to awaken no interest in any one else. If so I must apologise for inflicting it again upon your readers, but I must confess that to me it appears of absorbing interest and I can imagine a new genus of supermen arising when man shall have learnt to use his whole body and so revert to, what must be originally our normal state; we have tradition for it that we are not as Heaven originally made us—"In those days giants lived."

I have been reading whatever I could find on the subject and in a publication I recently learned that it has been established that certain internal secretions, notably the testicular, act on the left brain and the right side of the body, and that the pituitary acts on the right brain and the left side of the body. It was further stated that at about the age of 45, the testicular secretion is lessening and the pituitary begins to predominate, and that it is a common experience that at about the age of 45 a man feels less awkward when using his left hand than ever before. This seems to be more than a coincidence.

Yours, etc.,
N. K. ROY.

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CALCUTTA,
26th November 1927.

Service Notes.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS.

In pursuance of the Provisions of sub-rule (2) of rule 26 of the Council of State Electoral Rules, the Governor-General is pleased to nominate Major-General T. H. Symons, C.S.I., O.B.E., being an official, to be a Member of the said Council of State.

The Viceroy and the Governor-General has been pleased to make the following appointment on His Excellency's personal staff with effect from the date specified:—

To be Honorary Surgeon.

Colonel A. B. Fry, C.I.E., D.S.O., M.D., I.M.S., *vice* Major-General G. Tate, M.B., K.H.S., I.M.S., vacated. Dated 1st November 1927.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Anderson, I.M.S., an Agency Surgeon, on return from leave, is posted as Civil Surgeon, Sibi, with effect from the 21st October 1927.

The services of Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Macoachie, I.M.S., have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Bihar and Orissa, for employment as Officiating Inspector-General of Prisons, Bihar and Orissa,