Correspondence

It appears that in 1888 Long, of Vienna, recommended a cream of the following composition:

- Mercury, 3i.
- Pure Lanolin, 3i.
- Olive Oil, 2ii.

Again, in 1890, Dr. Julius Althaus published a paper entitled "Treatment of Syphilis of the Nervous System." In this paper he described a mercurial cream as follows: "One part of metallic mercury thoroughly rubbed up with four parts of purest lanolin, and then well mixed with five parts of carbolised oil of 2 per cent. strength." A. I. F.

THE ANNUAL DINNER—A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS."

Sir,—I beg to make the following suggestion, which, I think, if found practicable, would add to the popularity of our already popular annual dinner. The keynote of this popularity is, I take it, the association of old friends and places.

I have no doubt that it has occurred to most of us, when at the dinner, to find ourselves not placed near those with whom we most desire to hold communication, the only other opportunity being a hurried scramble before and after dinner. My suggestion is a grouping of the tables, somewhat on the following lines:—

- A Headquarter-Staff table.
- A Punjab table.
- A Bengal table.
- A Madras and Bombay table.
- A Mediterranean table.
- A South African table.
- A Colonial table.

Each of these tables might then be divided into sections, thus:—

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  **Punjab table.**—Rawalpindi end, Lahore end, with Umballa and Peshawar in the centre.

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  **Mediterranean table.**—Gibraltar end, Malta end, with Egypt and Crete; and so on.

Of course, it would be fully understood that no obligation existed for anyone to dine at any particular table, and that anyone was welcome at any table. Intending diners could generally notify beforehand at which table they wished to sit, and often arrange among themselves at which section. Possibly, also, the table decorations might be made symbolic of each to some extent.

Peshawar,
January 1st, 1908.

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