Correspondence.

FIELD SERVICE MEDICAL HANDBOOK.

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

SIR,—At the request of many officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps and of the Indian Medical Service I had intended publishing a Field Service Medical Handbook, a sort of vade mecum, at the end of the year, hoping it would be of some use to medical officers of the British Colonial Service. Unfortunately I now find there are so many obstacles in the way that I have reluctantly decided to cease compiling this small volume, at least for the present, but shall be very pleased if you will kindly publish some of its contents in the Corps Journal from time to time. I take this opportunity of thanking all those who by their good wishes stimulated me to commence this work.

Kirkee, India,
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MAKING LANTERN SLIDES FROM DIAGRAMS.

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

SIR,—In the February number of the JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS a method of making diagrams on glass for use in a lantern is described. As the ink does not run well on plain glass unless scrupulously clean, the following preparation is recommended. Take:—

Benzole 1 equal parts.
Gold size 1
Rubber solution, a few drops
(from the tubes sold with the tyre-repairing outfits).

The gold-size and benzole are well mixed, the rubber dropped in, the whole stirred till dissolved and, if necessary, filtered. The solution should be kept in a tightly stoppered bottle and will remain fit for use for a long time.

The glass slide, which must be "lantern size," is cleaned with ether or alcohol, held in the fingers with the side to be coated uppermost. A quantity of the material is then poured on to the centre of the glass and allowed to run all over the surface. The slide is then stood on edge to drain, with one corner lowest, in a warm, still place. When perfectly dry it can be put away for future use. The surface can be drawn or written on with Indian ink, preferably with a mapping pen, and small diagrams traced. Covering with a second glass slip and binding renders the slide permanent. These slides can be used without darkening the lecture room, and are so used at this college.

Royal Army Medical College,
May 28th, 1909.

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