Correspondence.

THE POSSIBLE INFECTION OF MAN WITH MALTA FEVER BY GOATS' MILK.

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

DEAR COLONEL BRUCE,—With regard to the supposed outbreak of Mediterranean fever on the s.s. "Joshua Nicholson," a man, Wm. Bodtmann, aged 27, a German fireman, was admitted to the Colonial Hospital, Gibraltar, on July 2nd, 1905, from the ship on its outward voyage from London and Hamburg. He was diagnosed as suffering from gastric catarrh. He had no rise of temperature, and six days after admission was discharged cured.

Yours sincerely,

Gibraltar,
January 19th, 1906.

W. H. HORROCKS.

TREATMENT OF CHOLERA.

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

DEAR SIR,—In the October number of the Journal a note appeared by Lieutenant-Colonel Gubbin on the treatment of cholera by the infusion of normal saline into the subcutaneous tissues. I have myself tried this treatment with success on several cases of choleraic dysentery and severe diarrhoea associated with collapse, the rationale being, of course, the same. I found it more convenient to inject the fluid intravenously, this method being quicker, more easily performed, and more certain in its results. I should like to point out, however, that the treatment is by no means new, having been used by Latta, of Leith, in the treatment of cholera as long ago as 1832; in 1854, intravenous injections of milk were used by Bovell, of Toronto, in the treatment of this disease. The treatment is also mentioned in Osler's "Medicine," and Manson's "Tropical Diseases."

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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Jhansi, United Provinces, India,
January 9th, 1906.

Lieutenant, R.A.M.C.