The foreign equivalent:—

Latin. French. German.


Surely this cannot be interpreted to mean "a fixed, straight, hammer-headed great toe." I believe it is generally admitted that Hallux Valgus will certainly follow removal of the second toe. Since excision of the head of the first phalanx gives such good results, why send the recruits to have this toe removed?

Yours very truly,

Alfred J. Hull,
Captain R.A.M.C.

Jhansi,
July 27th, 1906.

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RECRUITING: OPERATION ON INTENDING RECRUITS SUFFERING FROM HERNIA.

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

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that intending recruits who may be suffering from hernia, and who are in other respects most desirable, should be enlisted, provided that they sign a document to the effect that:

1. They will submit to immediate operation in a military hospital.
2. That they will not receive pay for three months after enlistment.

By the end of this time they should be in a condition to commence their military training, except that gymnastics should be postponed for another three months.

It appears to me that, seeing a man enlists for seven years, it might pay the Government to provide free board and lodging for such suitable cases for three months, rather than lose them altogether.

I am, &c.,

F. J. W. Porter,
Major R.A.M.C.

Colchester,
August 11th, 1906.