

## Letters to the Editors

cost of great labour. This, with the fact that it is rather a special book among the subjects of our specialty, will probably prevent a large demand for this work. It could not therefore be reduced in price to the same extent as the other two should be. Even then the sum of two and a half guineas is more than we should be asked to pay.

I have the same criticisms to raise with regard to the unnecessary luxury of these two books as I have in the case of Hajek's. If they were published in cheap editions we should finger them and read them till they fell to pieces; we would then buy each new edition as it appeared. Now, if we can get someone to give us a copy we put it in a bookcase with a glass front and are afraid to take it out for fear of spoiling it.—I am, etc.,

T. B. LAYTON.

LONDON, *November 1927.*

### TREATMENT OF A CASE OF MÉNIÈRE'S DISEASE.

THE EDITORS,

*The Journal of Laryngology and Otology.*

DEAR SIRS,—In the *British Medical Journal* of 10th September 1927, p. 454, is a memorandum by Dr Arnold Ferguson, F.R.C.S.E., describing a case classed as Ménière's Disease, treated and apparently cured by the Zünd Burguet Electrophonoide.

I occasionally see cases classed as Ménière's Syndrome in which I am unable to find any actual sign of labyrinthine disturbance. I have seen one case of what was undoubtedly Ménière's Disease, and this patient was and remained completely deaf.

I think a description of Dr Ferguson's case with his ideas regarding its pathology, along with a possible explanation of the rational process of treatment which appears to have been so successful, should be given. I am asking this as there are so many electrical devices for treatment of various complaints and many claims are made. Without some reasonable attempt at a rational explanation of the pathological conditions and the mode of action of the apparatus, the claims cannot be readily accepted.

I am writing to this Journal instead of to the *British Medical Journal*, as the case in point is one for the consideration of the specialist.

Dr Ferguson's views would be of considerable interest.—Yours, etc.,

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BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA,  
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[We are glad to publish the above letters, but we are not prepared to guarantee that the matters to which they draw attention will come before the notice of the persons concerned.—EDS.]