the more easily secured with a self-luminous ophthalmoscope, for
the obvious reason that the observer is thereby independent of
picking up the light at a difficult angle.

Yours truly,
BASIL GRAVES.

February 9, 1922.

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COLLOSOLO ARGENTUM (FOR THE MEDICAL PROFESSION ONLY)

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

SIR,—It was with great surprise that I read in the letter of
Mr. M. S. Mayou in the April number of the journal, that he
found the use of collosol argentum causes pain and irritation.
I have continued to use it ever since I wrote my article on the
treatment of ulcer of the cornea and interstitial keratitis in some
40 to 50 cases daily.

As regards the pain, I have had only one complaint and that
was from a neurotic old lady with ulcer of the cornea. Subse-
quently she had several relapses and made no complaint.

It is obvious that a considerable proportion of the above cases
would be children, therefore exceedingly apt to resent anything
of the kind.

The formula I use is 12 minims of sol. of scopolamine 1 in 800
to two drachms of collosol argentum dropped into the eye five
times a day and the eye kept closed for five minutes afterwards.

If this is not sufficient to keep the pupil dilated a separate supply
of the mydriatic is given.

As regards the irritation mentioned, I have never met any. In
ophthalmia neonatorum it is used as supplied. It must be some-
what difficult to determine as to whether or not it causes pain in an
infant, especially when combined with other treatment as recom-
manded by me.

Possibly the method of its use may account for this great
discrepancy.

For some time during the war and after, I found it to vary in
colour from light sherry colour to almost black; recently it has
been more uniform. I have never been able to get a satisfactory
explanation as to why it should have been so.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,
A. LEGGE ROE.

Hull, April 3, 1922.
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