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.

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COLLOSOL 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. Subsequently 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 somewhat difficult to determine as to whether or not it causes pain in an infant, especially when combined with other treatment as recommended 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.