

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To The Editor,
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PENICILLIN AND PERFORATED ULCER.

One of my European patients, who was under my care at Ngomahuru in S. Rhodesia, for some 3 years, developed a perforated ulcer of the sole of the right foot, after returning to his home in Kenya, where he again came under my supervision.

The microscope failed on several occasions to reveal any *M. Leprae*, but the ulcer persisted for months, discharging yellow pus, packed with staphylococci.

I had given the patient Penicillin injections on various occasions, and he had always remarked that they had done him a great deal of good, so, a determined effort was made, and he received one million units of crystalline Penicillin G. Sodium salt, intramuscularly, every day for ten days, at the end of which time the ulcer had completely healed.

The result is a remarkable change in the psychology and ambulatory powers of the patient. He is free from pain, and can now get about his farm on horseback or by car in complete comfort.

No doubt, the Penicillin was responsible for the demise of the cocci, which had been the real cause of the persistence of the ulcer.

Perhaps you can see your way to publish this in the "Review."

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