

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The Journal of Laryngology and Otology.

SIR,—During the discussion on Spasmodic Rhinitis at the last meeting of the Section of Laryngology, Mr. Scott Stevenson alluded to zinc ionization as a dangerous method of treatment. I venture to hope that he will not crystallize this opinion in his most excellent book *Recent Advances in Laryngology and Otology!* During an experience of over seven years of this treatment in hay fever and spasmodic rhinitis I have never seen any ill effects. Of course, the technique must be carried out by a competent laryngologist. To refer these cases to the electro-therapeutic department where the treatment is done by a well-meaning nurse who knows nothing about the inside of a nose, is simply asking for trouble.

If the nose is carefully packed and the correct milliamperage given, no ill effects will ensue. The results of the treatment are very good—much better than other forms of treatment.

I do hope that Mr. Scott Stevenson will revise his opinion of zinc ionization.

Yours, etc.,

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