### The Late Sir Thomas Smith, of Bart.'s.

The following anecdotes of Tom Smith are culled from a number of others told by Mr. Gerard Smith, M.R.C.S., in the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal* for January, 1917:

He had no reverence for drugs. I remember him calling to (then) Dr. Lauder Brunton in the Hospital Square: "I say, Brunton, I want you to give me a drug to inhibit a patient's vaso-motor what's-his-name!" On another occasion he asked me to write him a prescription for a gargle for his private patients. I did so. Some days later he met me in the Square and said: "I say, my covey, that gargle dissolves all my patients' teeth; write me another!"

"The tonsils, gentlemen, by the will of a beneficent providence, have the function of earning fees for surgeons," was a dictum of Tom Smith's.

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### The Prescribing of Cocaine.

By an amending Order dated December 5th, 1916, some amendments have been made in the Defence of the Realm Regulation 40 B relating to cocaine and opium, of which the following are the most important: (1) Power is given to the Secretary of State to issue licences for the manufacture of cocaine in this country. Any person manufacturing or carrying on any process in the manufacture of cocaine without a licence or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of the licence will be liable to a penalty. (2) A medical practitioner who gives a prescription for the supply of cocaine otherwise than in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Regulation is made liable to a penalty. (3) Every article containing cocaine must be marked with the amount and percentage of cocaine contained in it. (4) Power is given to the Secretary of State to direct that any person authorised under the Regulation to purchase cocaine or opium who is convicted of an offence against the Regulation or against the Proclamations regulating the import or export of cocaine or opium shall cease to be an "authorised person." (5) The authorisation in the case of registered chemists and druggists is limited to persons, firms, or bodies corporate who carry on the retail business of a chemist or druggist. The expression "authorised person" includes a duly qualified medical practitioner, a registered dentist, and a registered veterinary surgeon.

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One symptom of pancreatic disease, quite as curious as that of diastase, is this. You know that in a few people if you drop a 1 in 1000 solution of adrenalin into the eye the pupil will dilate. The extraordinary thing has been noted that it often happens when the patient has pancreatic disease.—Dr. Hale White.

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