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Monitoring Medical Care

W. Clarke Wescoe (Editorial, 18 Jan., p. 155) complains about the increasing amount of restrictive legislation against the medical profession. He cites “preoccupation with patients” as a major reason why these restrictions were able to be enacted unchallenged. Wescoe is also concerned because he feels there are no valid studies showing improper use of potent medications by the profession.

The medical profession now suffers legal restrictions because it has failed to adequately audit or monitor the quality of medical care it provides. In addition, the misuse of “potent medication” by the medical profession is thoroughly documented (1). When medical experts are horrified at the misuse of medication uncovered at university medical centers, we can hardly call such studies unexposed to “critical scrutiny.” Yet the myth persists among the profession that we all have great knowledge and skill in “pharmacological therapeutics.”

Wine Capital

According to the short report “The wine industry of California” published before the 1974 AAAS Annual Meeting, San Francisco is the “wine capital of the Western Hemisphere.” It should be noted that in the Argentine Republic—which is also in the Western Hemisphere—22,646,629 hectoliters (493 million gallons) of wine were produced in 1973 and that Argentina is currently the fourth largest wine producer in the world.

Mendoza, a western state of Argentina, yields 65 percent of the wine produced in this country, that is, about 320 million gallons per year. Only 250 million gallons are produced annually in California.

Thus, to be fair, Mendoza City, capital of the state that produces annually from 300 to 350 million gallons of wine, should be designated as the wine capital of the Western Hemisphere.

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