

PUBLISHERS DEPARTMENT.

ACUTE INFLAMMATION OF THE PROSTATE GLAND.

The Journal of the American Medical Association for August 20th contains a report on inflammation of the prostate gland, which was presented to The Section on Surgery and Anatomy at the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, held at Denver, Colo., June 7-10, 1898, by Liston Homer Montgomery, M.D., of Chicago, Ills. His plan of treatment in acute inflammation of the prostate gland is to wash out the abscess cavity with hydrogen peroxid, give copious hot water enema and hot hip baths frequently, avoid morphine internally and advise care lest the patient strain at stool or during micturition. On the theory that toxins are retained in the circulation and within the gland, and to prevent degeneration in the gland substance, he administers triticum repens or fluid extract tritipalm freely, combined with gum arabic or flaxseed infusion. Along with these remedies the mineral waters, particularly vichy with citrate of potash, go well together. Hydrate of chloral or this salt combined with antikamnia are the very best anodyne remedies to control pain and spasms of the neck of the bladder. These pharmacologic or medicinal remedies are the most logical to use in his judgment, while externally, applications of an ununction of 10 or 20 per cent iodoform, lanoline, as well as of mercury, are also of value.

SANMETTO IN URETHRITIS, CYSTITIS, PROSTATIC ENLARGEMENT AND ENURESIS.

I gladly write my opinion of Sanmetto. For two years it has given results which are perfectly satisfactory. Have had equal success with it in urethritis, cystitis and prostatic enlargement, and phenomenal success when using it for incontinence of urine, both in children and old people. If in medicines we have specifics, then Sanmetto I regard as one in enuresis.

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MAGAZINE NOTES.

Many readers of Mrs. Humphrey Ward's latest story "Helbeck of Bannisdale" must have wondered what opinion an intelligent Catholic reader would be likely to have of it as a portraiture of English Catholics. The question is answered very interestingly in a caustic review of the story by an English Jesuit, which *The Living Age* for October 15 reprints from *The Nineteenth Century*.

The Living Age for October 22 translates from the leading Italian review, *Nuova Antologia*, a striking article on the Present Condition of Italy, which gives a vivid but despondent presentation of the social and political problems with which Italy is at this moment confronted.

M. René Doumic's "Modernity" which *The Living Age* for October 29 translates from the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, is a clever essay, in which a shaft is aimed at modern impressionists.

Americans will gain a new estimate of the progress which the United States is making in the appreciation and the cultivation of art from reading Mr. William Sharp's description of *The Art Treasures of America*, reprinted from *The Nineteenth Century* in *The Living Age* for October 29.