

about with considerable freedom and without the slightest danger of injury or displacement of the injured bone. The effect upon the general nutrition of the patient and upon the healing power is very favorable, and in cases so far reported results are much more favorable than those obtained by absolute rest in bed and fixation of the fragments. In a large majority this treatment avoids the wasting of muscle, fixation of joints and the prolonged convalescence incident to older methods.--*Med. Review.*

DISINFECTION OF THE HANDS.

Dr. A. W. Tschirkow (*Wratch*) claims that disinfection of the hands by means of formalin, potassium permanganate or sublimate is very incomplete and unsatisfactory. Absolute asepsis can be obtained by submerging and mechanically rubbing the hands for three minutes, and for three minutes more scrubbing them, in ninety-five per cent. alcohol. The weakest solution that will still give a good result is fifty per cent. spirits. Methyl alcohol, ninety-two per cent. is also a good disinfectant. The sterilized gauze gloves recommended by Mikulicz are of no value, since they are easily permeated by fluids.—*Medical Record.*

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CARDIAC DISEASE IN PREGNANCY AND LABOR.

W. R. Wilson advises for the general treatment of acute pericarditis rest, ice applications over the precordia and measures to combat the primary condition underlying the pericarditis. Digitalis is especially contra-indicated, as the heart hampered in its action by the pericarditis has already reached the limit of its energy in overcoming the increased resistance to the circulation in gestation. Paracentesis, if indicated, is to be practiced without considering the condition of pregnancy. The obstetric treatment should be directed to the postponement of labor as long as possible, avoiding the inevitable overstrain of the heart during labor.