

TO PREVENT PITTING IN SMALLPOX.

Dr. T. C. Gibson, in *American Medicine*, says that the following is the best prescription he has ever tried to prevent pitting in smallpox:

R. Ichthyol..... ʒ ij
 Guaiacol..... ʒ ij
 Glycerin..... ʒ ss

M. Apply locally with a feather three times a day.

The earlier it is commenced, the better the effect. The face should be bathed before each application with lukewarm water and soap.

THE TREATMENT OF EARACHE.

Dr. Geo. L. Richards in a paper read at the last meeting of the American Medical Association, and reported by *Pediatrics*, advocates the use of a glycerole gelatin bougie in the acute earaches of children. Its formula is as follows :

R. Carbolic acid.....℥ viij
 Fl. ext. opium.....℥ vj
 Cocaine.....gr. iiij
 Atropine sulph.....gr. iiij
 Aqua.....℥ liij
 Gelatin.....gr. xvij
 Glycerin.....gr. clviij

M. This makes 47 bougies. They should be kept in lycopodium or wrapped in tinfoil. Before using, the bougie should be dipped in water, then it will readily slip into the external ear, and dissolving, set free the anodyne.

ADAMKIEWICZ'S SERUM TREATMENT OF CANCER.

Two recent publications (*Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift*, June 16, 1902) call for renewed interest in cancroin, the serum proposed by Adamkiewicz for the treatment of cancer. Prof. Kugel, of Bukarest, gives the minutest details of an apparently hopeless case cured by the use of this agent.

The patient was a woman fifty-three years old, who some years before had a small mass removed from the left breast. During the next six years recurrences near the cicatrix were extirpated three times, and later the entire breast was removed. Microscopic examination made by both Babes and Albert showed the growth to be one of carcinoma. After this evidences of the progress of the diseases were found below the clavicle, in the cartilage of fourth rib, in the right breast; there was pain and edema of the left upper extremity, and the usual symptoms appearing in the development of a cancer going towards a fatal issue.