

the lower classes especially have to cold water, it may be necessary to add a little alcohol, which is really an advantage on account of its greater volatility.

Water in typhoid is a valuable remedy for another reason, namely, because it flushes out the vital sewers. In this disease the waste is enormous, and the waste products accumulating in the blood, poison the brain and at the same time cause a general soreness and aching of the muscles and joints. These waste products being mostly nitrogenous (urea and uric acid) the skin and kidneys should eliminate them as fast as made; and, in order to do this, sufficient water for their proper solution is absolutely necessary. The fact that the urine is highly concentrated is a sufficient indication for the administration of more water in any disease. When parched with fever, there is nothing the patient craves so much for as cold water, and we cannot see any reason for refusing him as much as he wants, unless it be that it might prevent us from forcing him to drink sufficient milk. Only those of us who have had typhoid can fully appreciate the pleasure derived from a cup of cold water.

CLASS-ROOM NOTES.

(College and Clinical Record.)

In fracture of the sacrum or coccyx, pack the rectum or introduce a colpeurynter.—Dr. Mears.

In convalescence from endocarditis Prof. Da Costa insists on perfect rest in bed, and also directs the administration of iodide of potash.

In ectopic gestation Prof. Parvin makes the following division: Primarily, tubal, ovarian, interstitial; secondarily, intraligamentous and abdominal.

In syphilis 95 per cent. of all cases have bubo, and in one case in 27 suppuration occurs; while in chancreoid one case in 4 has bubo, which, as a rule, always suppurates.—Prof. Gross.

In the treatment of acute gastritis, Prof. Da Costa directs the following treatment: Keep the stomach absolutely at rest, not giving anything but iced liquids; nourish by the bowel; give hypodermics of morphine over the stomach; calomel in 1-6 gr. doses every few hours. Bismuth in decided doses.

Dissolve one-half ounce camphor in three ounces of turpentine and apply to the breasts when necessary to stop the secretion of milk.

Where a chancre becomes phagedenic cauterize the surface with carbolic acid, acid nitrate mercury, or

R Hydrarg. chloridi corrosiv.....gr. xv.
Aque destillat.....f 3 j. M.

In the treatment of chronic rhinitis (hypertrophic), Dr. Sajous recommends applications of chromic acid to the enlarged sinuses, the acid being applied on a copper probe and held in the flame of an alcohol lamp till it changes color, previous to application.

In the the treatment of constipation, the diet should be easily digested, but some articles should be given which mechanically aid defecation, as oatmeal, dried apples and peaches, and brown bread. Belladonna and nux vomica are the two pre-eminent remedies. Where remedies fail faradization of the abdomen is good treatment—Prof. Da Costa.

For a case of posterior spinal sclerosis, of four years' duration, with severe headache, Prof. Da Costa directed argenti nitras $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. t. d., and for the headache the following:—

R Aconitinæ.....gr. j.
Lanolin.....3j. M.
Sig—Rub in a very small quantity at night.

For a man with progressive muscular atrophy, at the clinic, Prof. Da Costa directed avoidance of muscular exertion; gr. $\frac{1}{3}$ oxide of silver t. d., and the following:

R Liquor. potassii arsenitis.....gtt. j.
Olei morrhue.....f 3 iv. M.
Sig—t. d.

In a case of singultus [hiccough] of long standing, attacks of which would last 112 days without intermission, Prof. Da Costa ordered the following prescription, which arrested the spasms in a short time:—

R Chloral hydrat.....gr. v.
Sodii bromid.....gr. x.
Tinct. belladonnæ.....gtt. iij.
Aq. destil.....q. s. ad f 3 j. M.
Sig—Every 4 hours.

The most popular antiseptic dressing for open wounds, in Paris, is said by the chief pharmacist of one of the hospitals to be made as follows (*N. Y. Med. Abstract*):—

R. Iodoform, 2½ gm.
Olei eucalypti, 20 gm.
Parafin, 50 gm.
Vaseline, 50 gm. M.

It is convenient to handle, and may be used as an application to ulcers and also as an emergency dressing.