

has been warded off at each subsequent period, and menstruation established each time without any disturbance.

WHY GENERAL PRACTITIONERS HESITATE TO TAKE PATIENTS TO SPECIALISTS.—Dr. Burke says in *Kansas Med. Index*: I took a little patient to a specialist on skin disease, who examined the child, meantime addressing all his remarks to the mother, and when he was through handed her the two prescriptions he wrote. I was wholly ignored. No man should be recognized as a member of our profession who is not first of all a *gentleman*; but some cannot be that because in spite of their medical training they have not been able to eradicate the boorish element of their nature.

MIXTURE FOR FREQUENT EPISTAXIS.—Dr. A. Harkin, *La Semaine Médicale*, recommends the following mixture in epistaxis recurring frequently:—

R—Chlorate of potash, . . . gms. 18.
 Perchloride of iron, . . . gms. 3.
 Water, gms. 300.

Two tablespoonfuls of this solution three times a day.

ONE of the attending physicians at the World's Fair Hospital, *Coll. and Clin. Rec.*, who has a large private practice, reports that he uses chloral-amid largely in sedative doses (3 to 5 grains) for nervously exhausted patients, and he claims that it gives magical relief in sick (nervous) headaches, physical exhaustion, and kindred conditions brought about by excitement, optical strain, heat, and unusual exercise.

GOLDEN SEAL IN VOMITING OF PREGNANCY.—Felorow insists, *Therap. Monats*, that fluid extract ministered four times daily, is an excellent and *Hydrastis Canadensis* in 20-minim doses, almost effective remedy for control of the obstinate vomiting of pregnancy.

FOR UNDUE SWEATING.—Olszewski, *Centrabl. f. d. ges. Ther.*, recommends fluid extract of *hydrastis canadensis*. In mild cases a single dose of from 20 to 30 drops at night suffices; in more aggravated, from 25 to 30 drops, three times a day, for several successive days will be required.

LOCAL ANÆSTHESIA.—A local anæsthetic recommended by Dobisch, *Prag. Med. Woch.*:—

R—Chloroform, parts 10.
 Ætheris, “ 15.
 Menthol, “ 1.

This mixture is applied by means of Richardson's spray, and, within a minute, an anæsthesia is obtained which lasts from four to six minutes.

Books and Pamphlets.

FUNK & WAGNALLS' NEW STANDARD DICTIONARY: Volume I. of the two-volume edition of the Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of the English language was issued on December 16th. This volume has been four years in making; two hundred and thirty-eight editors and specialists have been employed upon it; and the cash outlay has been about a half million dollars. The advance orders for the work mount up into the tens of thousands.

The vocabulary of the “Standard” is extraordinarily rich and full, that of no other dictionary nearly equalling it, although great care was taken to throw out all useless words. The full number of words and terms in these dictionaries for the entire alphabet is as follows: *Stormonth*, 50,000; *Worcester*, 105,000; *Webster* (International), 125,000; *Century* (six volumes, complete), 225,000; “Standard,” 300,000.

DUANE'S STUDENTS' DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE. The Students' Dictionary of Medicine and the Allied Sciences. Comprising the Pronunciation, Derivation and Full Explanation of Medical Terms, together with much collateral descriptive matter, numerous tables, etc. By Alexander Duane, M.D., Assistant Surgeon to the New York Ophthalmic and Aural Institute; Reviser of Medical Terms for Webster's International Dictionary. In one square octavo volume of 658 pages. Cloth \$4.25; half leather, \$4.50; full sheep, \$5.00. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. 1893. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The author has attempted, and we think succeeded, in giving students sufficient information, concerning every word they will meet with in acquiring their professional education. The work is the best Student's Dictionary we have seen. It is strong on pronunciation and on derivation, two very important points.