

Miscellaneous.

SANMETTO IN URINARY DISEASES.—Sanmetto is my medicine for all bladder and urinary diseases. I have used it in cases of fifteen years' standing where other physicians and medicines had failed, such as catarrhs, or any irritation of either bladder, urethra or tubes running from kidney to bladder, in gleet resulting from gonorrhœa or excessive drinking, or any other form of irritation of urinary organs.

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HOW EUNUCHS ARE MADE IN EGYPT.—According to M. Lortet, as we learn from the *Gazette hebdomadaire de médecine et de chirurgie* for April 19th, little boys from seven to ten years old are selected for one of two horrible modes of mutilation. By the first of these methods, the entire external genitals are slashed off with one stroke of a razor, as close as possible to the pubic arch, and the little fellow is at once immersed up to his neck in fine dry sand to check the hæmorrhage. After four or five days, the victim is brought forth from the sand, and a few greased rags are applied to the wound. By the other method, the parts are crushed off with a noose of packthread. The child's sufferings, it is needless to say, are dreadful. After this procedure, he is not buried, but the seat of mutilation is simply dressed with the bark of certain species of *Acacia* that are rich in tannin. Whichever method is employed, two-thirds of the children die as the result of it.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

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THE *London Lancet* of March 28th, 1896, says editorially:—“Antikamnia is well spoken of as an analgesic and antipyretic in the treatment of neuralgia, rheumatism, etc., etc. It is not disagreeable to take, and may be had either in powder or tablet form, the latter being made in five-grain size. It is described as not a preventive of, but rather as affording relief to, existent pain. By the presence in it of the amine group it appears to exert a stimulating rather than a depressing action on the nerve centres and the system generally. If this be so, it possesses advantages over other coal-tar products.”

The concise endorsement of the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, which appeared in the January issue, is equally interesting. “This is one of the many coal-tar products which have lately been introduced into medicine in Scotland. In doses of three to ten grains, antikamnia appears to act as a speedy and effective antipyretic and analgesic.”