

# Jottings.

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GONORRHOEAL ARTHRITIS may be treated locally by an inunction of one part guaiacol with three parts olive oil. A teaspoonful is rubbed into the affected joint three or four times daily.

TYPHOID FEVER URINE is infectious, and should be as carefully disposed of as is the feces. Turbidity of the urine is frequently caused by the presence of the typhoid bacilli. This condition usually clears up promptly on administration of urotropin or cystogen.

EPISTAXIS WHICH cannot be controlled by compression is best treated by thermo-cautery. Cocaine should be introduced into the nasal cavity and the bleeding point located, after which the cautery should be applied at a dark red heat and held on the spot until cool, care being taken not to detach the eschar. A five per cent. zinc chloride solution may then be applied on a tampon.

CARBUNCLES.—Creel has relied on ecthol given internally, in doses of a teaspoonful, in cases of carbuncle, flax-seed poultices applied locally, emptying of pus, scraping out of dead tissue and cleansing with peroxide of hydrogen; after this a topic application of ecthol on absorbent cotton every four to eight hours. The average duration of this treatment in his cases was ten days.—*Four. Amer. Med. Ass'n.*

TREATMENT OF EPISTAXIS.—All that is necessary in epistaxis is to fashion, with a pair of scissors, a dry plug of prepared sponge, in size and length comparable with the little finger of a twelve-year-old-boy. This should be carefully soaked in boiled water, to free it from grit, squeezed dry to free it from unnecessary fluid, and inserted its full length, gently, along the floor of the bleeding nostril. No styptic is necessary. The expansive pressure of the soft sponge against the bleeding side, increased by the coagulation of a few drops of blood in its interstices, will check the bleeding at once. It should be removed in twelve hours; under no circumstances should it remain longer than twenty-four. Melted vaseline containing 5 per cent. of carbolic acid, applied with a medicine dropper in liberal quantities, is the only local treatment called for afterward.—B. Cornick, in *Canada Lancet.*