

BULLOCK AND CRENSHAW'S SUGAR-COATED PILLS.—We desire to call the attention of the medical profession in Canada to the sugar-coated pills and granules manufactured by Messrs. Bullock & Crenshaw, of Philadelphia. After a most critical examination by medical men of skill and ability they were awarded a Centennial medal for superiority of finish and purity of ingredients. Messrs. B. & C. have long since established their reputation for the purity and excellence of their pharmaceutical preparations, and we have no hesitation therefore in giving their preparations our unqualified endorsement. The price of their pills has been reduced to suit the times, but at the same time they guarantee that their reputation for excellence shall be scrupulously maintained.

NEW METHOD OF REDUCING DISLOCATION OF THE HIP.—Dr. Allen of Vermont (*Journal of Materia Medica*) describes a new and simple method of reducing dislocation of the hip-joint. After the administration of chloroform the leg is flexed upon the thigh, and the thigh at right angles to the body. The surgeon then steps upon the bed, places the leg of the patient between his legs with the dorsum of the foot against the nates; he then grasps the leg at the bend of the knee, lifts the hips from the bed, and holds the patient in that position for a few seconds when the head of the dislocated bone slips into its socket. The principle, viz., vertical extension, is not new, but the mode of putting into practice is certainly original.

THE DISCOVERER OF FŒTAL AUSCULTATION.—The discoverer of fœtal auscultation, the Count de Kergaradec, died lately in Paris at an advanced age. He was the first to apply auscultation for the detection of the fœtal heart sound. His son in announcing his death to the French Academy said: "among his children who stood around his death-bed was that beloved daughter, the beating of whose heart her father heard while she was still in her mother's womb."

POST CARD "SPECIMEN COPY" MEN.—In accordance with a suggestion of the American Medical press we publish the names of the following members of this genus. Frank J. Godfrey, M.D., Bennington Vt.; C. Seymour, M.D., Northampton Mass. Pass them around.

SALICYLIC ACID IN DIPHTHERIA.—Dr. Letzerich has made a number of experiments in regard to the action of salicylic acid upon the organisms found in diphtheritic deposits, the result showing that this acid possesses the power of killing the germs in question. He has also used salicylic acid in seven cases of the disease, five of which were mild, and two severe. In the former cases a gargle according to the following formula was employed:

R—Acidi Salicylici,	grs. xv.
Solve in Spts. Vin. Rect.	m. xxx.
Aquæ Déstillat., ad	℥ vii.—M.

Under the frequent use of this gargle the diphtheritic membrane disappeared from the throat entirely in from two to four days. In the severer cases the treatment was both internal and external. Four and a half grains of the powder with an equal quantity of sugar were administered every two hours, and the throat was swabbed with a solution of the acid in alcohol and water (five parts acid, one part alcohol, and fifty parts water). In addition the throat was occasionally touched with a damp camel's hair pencil dipped in the powdered acid. The results were so favourable that Dr. L. urges its further trial. The addition of carbolic acid has been tried with success in this country, the following formula being employed:

R—Acidi Salicylici,	grs. xx.
Acidi Carbolici,	grs. xxx.
Sodæ Bibor.,	℥ j.
Glycerinæ,	℥ j.—M.

SIG.—Apply to the fauces by means of a camel's hair brush every three hours.

HYPODERMIC INJECTION OF ARSENIC IN ASTHMA.—Dr. Martelli in the *Gaz. Med. Ital.* reports a case of nervous asthma of long standing which was perfectly cured by subcutaneous administration of arsenic. He used Fowler's solution diluted with two parts of water, and injected of this from 2-3 grammes; no unpleasant results either local or constitutional followed its use.

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