

COMPARATIVE VALUE OF ANTI-SEPTICS.

A. Gawalowski has brought together in tabulated form a statement of the comparative value of a number of disinfectants, ranking them according to their efficiency as disinfectants, antiseptics, and deodorizers. In this table, corrosive sublimate is taken as a standard for comparison with a value of 100 :—

½ p. c. corrosive sublimate sol.	100	100	..
Carbolic acid (100 p.c.)..	50	50	40
Sulphurous acid (gas).....	50	50	50
Iron vitriol (cryst.)	40	50	30
Thymol (solid)	50	50	40
Creosote (100 p. c.)	50	50	40
Antimony (Bayer)	50	50	40
Ferrous zinc sulphate (cryst.)	40	50	40
Iron oxide	40	10	15
Ferrous zinc magnesium sulphate (cryst.)	40	30	30
Ferrous zinc sulphate (cryst.)	40	50	40
Ferrous zinc cupric sulphate (cryst.)	35	35	40
Zinc phenolate (dry)	30	40	45
Sulphites (10—40 p. c.) .15-25	15-25	15-25	15-25
Permanganate (solid)	25	10	50
Salicylates (solid)	25	25	25
Creolin	25	25	40
Lysol	25	25	40
Chlorine (gas)	15	..	50
Ferrous zinc calcium sulphate (cryst.)	15	30	40
Ferric salts (40—50 per ct. solutions)	10	10	5
Zinc salts (cryst.)	10	..	40
Calcium chloride	5	..	15

—Phar. Post, Pharm. Review.

The plague in Bombay is rapidly assuming its former proportions. During the last week of September there were sixty deaths from that disease in the city of Bombay, and many more in the presidency. The plague has re-appeared in Kurrachee and is spreading to other towns, having already invaded Sholapur.

SANTONIN IN RETENTION OF URINE.

McDonald advises the use of santonin in ordinary doses until three or four doses are given, two or three hours apart, for retention of urine.

BROMOFORM IN WHOOPING-COUGH.

This remedy is rapidly gaining ground in professional estimation. The following are two practical formulas :—

I.

Bromoform	0.06 c. c.
Compound tragacanth powder (B. P.)	2.00 gms.
Syrup	2.00 c. c.
Water, to make	15.00 c. c.

Take at once.

II.

Bromoform	2 c. c.
Paragoric	14 c. c.
Syrup of acacia	60 c. c.
Anise water	22 c. c.
Cherry laurel water	22 c. c.

Shake well. For a child one year old, give ½ to 1 teaspoonful 4 times a day.

Camphor internally in three grain doses, thrice daily, will bring about suppression of milk.—Ohio Medical Journal.

VISION TESTS IN SCHOOLS.

In Philadelphia it has been found that of about 1,500 pupils of the two highest grammar grades whose eyes have been tested, nearly half of those examined have defective vision. In several cases, children who were instructed to wear glasses have shown the benefit of using these in improved proficiency in their studies. In some instances, pupils were retarded, unconsciously to themselves, by not being able to distinguish anything written upon the blackboard. One boy, whose hesitancy in reading could not be accounted for, was found to be afflicted with a difficulty that made one word appear as two. In special cases a physician's examination has been advised.—School Journal.

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