

CLASS-ROOM NOTES.

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—Prof. Da Costa is more than ever inclined to believe that *pneumonia* is due to a germ.

—Prof. Da Costa states that *digitalis* is the best of all remedies for *dilatation of the heart*.

—Dr. Brubaker states that *gelsemine*, given in physiological doses, may relieve *ovarian neuralgia*.

—Dr. Brubaker states that the pitch and cantharides plaster are the only blisters of any use for *kidney pains, lumbago*, and the like.

—In a case of *exophthalmic goitre*, brought before the clinic by Dr. Lewis Brinton, the patient was directed to take ten drops of tinct. *strophanthus* three times a day.

—In the case of a young woman in the clinic, who had *purulent cystitis*, Prof. Parvin ordered a one per cent. solution of *creolin* to be given three times a week by irrigator.

—Dr. Brubaker recommends the following prescription for the relief of *chronic dyspepsia*:

R. Tinct. gentian comp.,	f 3 iij	
Sodii bicarb.,	3 iv	
Tinct. nucis vomicæ,	f 3 ij	
Syrup. rhei aromat.,	f 3 j. M.	

Sig.—Two teaspoonfuls in water before meals.

—Dr. Wirgman, before the clinic, in the case of a child aged twenty-four months, suffering from *hereditary syphilis*, ordered *hydrarg. protiodide*, gr. $\frac{20}{100}$, internally, and externally an application of *oleate of mercury*.

—Dr. Brubaker recommends the following prescription for *chronic constipation*:

R. Extract. physostigmatis,		
Ext. belladonnæ,		
Ext. nucis vomicæ,	āā	gr. ii j
Aloin,		gr. j. M.

Ft. pil. xij.

—Before the clinic, Prof. Keen removed from the head of a child three years of age, what had been a pure *meningocele*; the opening in the skull was closed by a piece of *decalcified bone*. The wound was united by *sutures*. No drainage used. *Bichloride* dressing was employed.

—Prof. Brinton recommends the following prescription for *cystitis*:

R. Uvæ ursi,	3j	
Lupulin,	3 ss	
Aquæ bullient,	Oj.	M.

Add—

Sodæ bicarb.,	3 ij	
Tinct. opii camph.,	f 3 ij.	M.

Dose, f 3 j—f 3 iv.

—A favorite prescription of Prof. Da Costa for *essential epilepsy* is the following:—

R. Sodii iodidi,	gr. ii j	
Sodii bromidi,	gr. x	
Potassii bromidi,	gr. v	
Tinct. gentian. comp.,		
Elixir. simpl.,	āā f 3 ss.	M.

Sig.—Take three times a day.

Diet, no meat; give fish and vegetables.

—Before the clinic Prof. Keen removed a *carcinomatous breast* from a woman forty-three years of age, there being considerable involvement of the axillary glands and pectoralis major muscle. All glands and fat were removed from the axilla, and all that portion of the pectoralis major muscle involved.

—In a case of *mitral insufficiency*, with marked oedema of feet and legs, brought before the clinic by Dr. Lewis Brinton, the following was prescribed:—

R. Tinct. digitalis,	gtt. x	
Infus. digitalis,	f 3 j.	M.

Sig.—t. d., after meals.

Also—

Potassii bitart.,	3j
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In glass of water before meals.

—Dr. Wirgman brought before the clinic a man who had suffered from *diabetes mellitus* for the last five years; at that time he was passing more than a gallon of urine a day, which contained a very large percentage of sugar. He was placed upon a modified diet, free from sugars and starch, and the following treatment: Sulphate of codeine, half a grain, in pill, three times a day; also a drachm of phosphate of sodium, three times a day, in hot water. Three days later he was again shown to the class, the amount of urine being reduced to three pints, and the percentage of sugar considerably lower.

ACETANILIDE FOR VENEREAL SORES.

Early in the days when acetanilide was first introduced, some prominence was given to its antiseptic properties, but, in the crowd of substances specially introduced as members of the "antiseptics," this field of usefulness was forgotten. Quite recently its virtues in this direction have been accentuated by the descriptions of its use, instead of iodoform, in the treatment of hard and soft venereal sores. The chancre is simply dusted with the powdered compound, and the result is said to be a rapid and complete healing. The advantages of the odorless and nontoxic acetanilide over iodoform need no emphasis; while for hospitals and dispensaries its cheapness would further recommend it if increased observation confirm these statements.—*Provincial Med. Jour.—Med. Progress.*