

conduct a systematic and cleanly dissection when seeking a foreign body.

Nurses should be instructed not to massage the limbs of patients who complain of pain after operation or confinement, without the order of the attending surgeon. If phlebitis and thrombosis are present, the manipulation may loosen a clot and cause instant death.

If a patient complains of sharp pain in the big toe, examine the urine for albumin or sugar, in order to exclude a diabetic or nephritic condition.

—“*Seven Hundred Surgical Suggestions.*”

Euresol in Seborrhea.

Charles J. White, Boston, Mass., referring in the course of an article on modern dermatological pathology, to new external drugs, writes that in seborrhea, euresol (resorcin monoacetate) replaces resorcin to great advantage, is far less irritating, and discolors gray hair but little. Combined with corrosive sublimate, formic acid, and alcohol, he says that euresol constitutes the best hair wash that he has ever found for curing dandruff.—*Journal Cutaneous Diseases.*

Digipuratum: a New Preparation of Digitalis.

Digitalis is one of the most valuable drugs we possess, yet unfortunately its action is very unreliable, owing to varying age of the leaves and uncertain percentage of active ingredients. Recently a purified extract has been placed upon the market under the name “digipuratum.” It is standardized to a definite strength; is free from digitonin, but contains both digitoxin and digitalin. The active ingredients in this extract are insoluble in cold water and acids, but very easily soluble in dilute alkalis, so that a uniform absorption can be expected from the intestines. The strength of the preparation is such that 0.1 Gm. corresponds to 0.1 Gm. of active leaves.

According to the extensive investigations of C. Hoepffner and A. Fraenkel, digipuratum always shows a prompt and reliable action. The action upon pulse and diuresis appears rapidly, (after 0.4 Gm. in twenty-four hours). There is reported to be much less disturbance of the stomach than with other preparations possessing the same strength. Other bad after-effects were not seen, so that the authors only have the highest words of praise for the drug.—*Muench. med. Woch.*