

smokers are less liable to diphtheria and other throat diseases than non-smokers in the ratio of 1 to 28. The learned Dr. Schiff also gives us to understand that smoking is always positively forbidden in bacteriological laboratories, because it is known to hinder the development of the bacteria.

FOR CHRONIC ECZEMA.—Practitioner:

- R—Liquor carbonis detergent., ℥ xx.
- Hydrarg. ammoniat., . . . gr. xx.
- Ung. zinci oxidi, . . . f ̄ ss.
- Vaselin., f ̄ ss.

Sig.—Apply topically.

BEHRING'S LAW says that the blood and blood-serum of an individual which has been artificially rendered immune against a certain infectious disease, may be transferred into another individual with the effect to render the latter also immune, no matter how susceptible this animal is to the disease in question.

Much relief is said to be often obtained by a gargle containing chloral, according to the following formula :

- R—Chloralis, gr. xv.
- Glycerin, } āā ̄ js.
- Aqua, }

M. Sig.—For use as a gargle.

PHYSICIANS OF THE UNITED STATES number, according to Polk's directory, 106,633. *Chicago Med. Rec.* Of this number, 72,028, or 67.55 per cent. are regulars; 9,648, or 9.05 per cent. homeo-paths, 10,292, or 9.65 per cent. eclectic, 1,553, or 1.45 per cent. physiomedicals, and 11,524, or 10.80 per cent. unclassified.

CANNABIS INDICA FOR ITCHING.—Mackenzie, *Am. Pract.*, declares Indian Hemp will give relief in the itching of skin diseases not amenable to local treatment. The full effect of the drug must be produced promptly. He employs the tincture in doses of five or ten drops on sugar, repeated as often as is necessary.

TO DISSOLVE TARTAR OF THE TEETH.—Dr. Pierce highly recommends, *La Mtd. Mod.*, trichloroacetic acid; a wooden spatula being moistened with the agent and rubbed against the encrusted teeth until the tartar is thoroughly dissolved.

The operation must be carefully performed, as the acid is an energetic escharotic.

FOR ACUTE CORYZA.—Pract.:

- R—Chloralis, gr. x.
- Olei ricini, f ̄ 3 iv.—M.

Sig.—Apply to the cleansed nasal mucous membrane.

FREDERICK STEARNS & Co., of Detroit, have issued a calendar for 1896, which is not only beautiful in itself but is most interesting as showing what may be done in color photography. The firm will send one to any person desiring it who encloses 25 cents to cover actual cost, postage, etc.

PURULENT OPHTHALMIA.—Scott:

- R—Hydrastis sulphatis,
- Acidi borici,
- Sodii biboratis, āā gr. v.
- Tinct. opii deodor., ̄ 3 ss.
- Aquæ dest., ̄ 3 j.

To be used as a collyrium from the beginning.

AMMONOL IN OBSTRUCTIVE DYSMENORRHOEA.—

Dr. Sullivan, of New York, has relieved a patient of the pains of the above disease by a dose of 15 grams of ammonol, followed in one hour by one of 10 grams.

Dr. Cantrell, *Med. World*, freezes the part with rhigolene or ethyl chloride, then freely scarifies with a five-bladed knife. He believes this the best treatment, and asserts that it gives prompt relief.

A MIXTURE of chloroform, ten parts, ether, fifteen parts, and menthol, one part, used as a spray, is recommended as an excellent and prompt means for obtaining local anæsthesia, lasting for about five minutes.

TROUBLES IN THE COMMUNITY.—

- The coal dealer dies of colitis;
- The twine-maker had the chord-ee;
- The farmer's attack of oat-itis
- And rye-neck was painful to see;
- The wheelman went blind with cyclitis,
- The bridge-builder suffered from piles,
- The servant girl had Sal-pingitis,
- And the cook was all covered with b'iles.

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