

water escaping being absorbed by a sponge. If a single leech is to be applied, the same plan is adopted, using a test tube in place of a glass; by this means the animal may be compelled to bite at just the point desired.—*Ohio Recorder*.

A MODEL FOUNDLING HOSPITAL.—M. Broca, at a recent meeting of the Paris Academy of Medicine, read a very favourable report upon the Foundling Hospital at Moscow, which he had visited while in that city. M. Broca says that this hospital, which was founded in 1764, covers five acres of ground, and that "infants are received into it without any inquiry as to their origin, though the parents are allowed to claim them back. As soon as they are admitted they are provided with nurses, and remain in the hospital for three or four months, at the expiration of which time they are put out with their nurses into lodgings in the country. The rate of mortality in the hospital, which was about 81 per cent. at the end of last century, has now been reduced to 25 per cent.—a result which M. Broca attributes in part to the spacious and well-ventilated rooms and numerous baths which have recently been erected, and partly to the fact that the medical staff has been increased to such a degree that no doctor has more children under his care than he can manage. The children are weighed every week, and the registered weights form some interesting statistical tables. There are never fewer than 3,000 nurses with infants at the breast in the Moscow hospital, and some months there are as many as 11,000 infants admitted.

CHLORAL HYDRATE AND CAMPHOR IN TOXIC AND THERAPEUTIC DOSES.—Dr. Simmons first describes prolonged narcotism of several days' duration following the accidental ingestion of two drachms of a mixture containing equal parts of *camphor and chloral hydrate*, which had been prescribed as a local application for neuralgia. The effects following this toxic dose suggested a therapeutic use of the mixture. The first trial was made in a case of periodical mania in the lunatic department of the hospital. The patient, on whom the or-

dinary routine of narcotics, including chloral, morphia, hyoscyamia, etc., had been frequently tried to no purpose, experienced a quiet and refreshing sleep of two hours after taking twenty drops of the camphor and chloral hydrate. On waking, he was given fifteen drops more, when he again fell asleep, resting for several hours, and awaking in the condition usual to him in the intervals of his paroxysms. On subsequent occasions the remedy was used in the same case, always with the same happy result of cutting short a period of several days of violent mania. In other cases of mania, delirium tremens, etc., the author has found the mixture in question able to accomplish what other sedatives seemed powerless to do. He recommends it as a happy combination which will effect, in doses of twenty drops, what is altogether beyond the reach of twenty grains of either camphor or chloral hydrate, administered alone.—*New York Medical Journal*.

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