

girls, and neither could speak above a whisper for a period of fourteen days. A complete cast of the windpipe was ejected by the last patient, and though considerable exudation occurred after, there was not sufficient to completely shut off the air from the lungs. Another member of the family had diphtheria in a very violent form at the same time, but no croup symptoms. These patients contracted the disease from a cousin who died in less than a week from the appearance of the attack.

Infantile Constipation.—Dr. Edwin B. Shaw, in the *Medical Index*, says :—In cases where there is no deficiency in the biliary and intestinal secretion, but rather a paresis of the muscular fibres of the bowels, I have succeeded admirably with the fluid extract cascara sagrada, or the cascara cordial, but in other cases where the passages were dry and hard, I have failed most signally after a most patient and thorough trial of the drug. In these cases where there is a deficiency of the intestinal juices, I can most heartily commend to the consideration of the profession the small doses of podophyllin. For a babe from nine months to a year old I would prescribe the following, to be used for at least two weeks, and longer if found necessary :

R	Resinæ podophyl.	-	-	gr. ij
	Sacch. lact.	-	-	ʒss
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Sig.—One at night in a little milk.

The proper dose can be determined by trial. My aim is to produce a soft, easy discharge every day, and let me insist on the importance of *appointing a regular time to have the bowels moved*. Nothing should turn the nurse aside from attention to this most important duty. It is remarkable at what an early age an infant can be taught what it means to be placed on his little chair. I have often known mothers to commence to educate their babes in this direction as early as the fourth month.

Treatment of Warts.—Roesen (*Münchener Med. Wochen.*) has found the following procedure very serviceable in removing warts and callosities, etc. :—The thickened epidermis