

TO PREVENT MAMMARY ABSCESS.—Mr. Miall (*Brit. Med. Journal*) says that when mammary abscess is on the point of forming, he has frequently seen all the symptoms rapidly disappear in a few hours, under the influence of fomentations with hot water and carbonate of ammonia. He uses an ounce of the carbonate in a pint of water, and when solution is accomplished the temperature of the fluid will be hardly too high for fomentation to be commenced, with cloths dipped in the liquid. He applies them for from half an hour to two hours, at the same time protecting the nipples. He has often had immediate relief, and seldom requires to make more than three applications.

FORMULA FOR USE IN EPILEPSY.—The following is said (*Med. Press and Circular*) to be beneficial in epilepsy, without producing the bad effects witnessed from the continued use of bromide of potassium.

R. Ammon. brom. $\frac{3}{4}$ iiss.
 Syr. Limonis $\frac{3}{4}$ iii.
 Aq. ad $\frac{3}{4}$ x. M.
 S. $\frac{3}{4}$ ss. four times a day in infusion of valerian.

TEMPERATURE OF THE MAMMARY GLAND DURING THE PUERPERIUM.—Negri gives an abstract of investigations of a number of cases of the above. He finds that the temperature of the gland is higher after delivery than during pregnancy or the non-pregnant state, though usually not so high as the axilla. 98.5 F. was rarely exceeded. The more copious the secretion of milk, the higher was the temperature.

PAINFUL DENTITION.—The following is said (*L'Union Medicale*) to be an excellent preparation in painful dentition.

Cocaine hydrochlorate.
 Sodium borate, aa. gr. iv.
 Syrup of althæa ℥. 64.
 Syrup of poppy to make ℥. 100.
 A little to be rubbed on the gums several times a day.

PERMANENT DRAINAGE IN ASCITES.—Dr. Caillé lately inserted a short drainage tube into the abdomen of a man, who had been tapped nine times, and applied antiseptic dressings. Two or three pints of fluid were at first evacuated, which quantity gradually diminished, with great amelior-

ation of all the symptoms. The patient lived and worked with comfort for nine months, finally dying of heart failure.

QUININE AS AN OXYTOCIC. Drs. Coe and Allen find (*Atlanta Med. and Surg. Journal*) that quinine in doses of ten grains and upwards increases the force of the contractions of the uterus during labor, though it has no effect in initiating contractions in the pregnant or non-pregnant uterus.

SNUFFS FOR CORYZA.—Rabon (*Deutsche Med. Wochen.*) recommends the following powders to be used as snuff in coryza.

1. Menthol, 2 parts; roasted coffee, 50 parts; white sugar, 50 parts; mix, and take as snuff.
2. Cocaine hydrochlorate, 1 part; roasted coffee and white sugar, of each 50 parts; mix, and use as before.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. N. J. Tucker, of Manitowaning, and Dr. N. A. Powell, of Toronto, to be associate coroners for Algoma and York respectively.

Drs. Graham and Teskey have been appointed to the staff of Toronto General Hospital, and Drs. W. H. B. Aikins and J. L. Davison as pathologists.

PERSONAL.—Dr. J. W. Rosebrugh, of Hamilton, sailed last week for Europe. The Doctor goes as a delegate from the Ontario Medical Association to the British Medical Association. He will also attend the annual meeting of the British Gynecological Society, of which he was recently elected a Fellow.

BEEF-TEA.—Fothergill stated some time ago that beef-tea is rather a stimulant than a nourishment, and now an article appears in the *Nineteenth Century*, showing that it powerfully retards digestion. This action is said to be due to the organic acids contained in it.

HYPERIDROSIS OF THE FEET.—In cases of undue sweating of the feet, accompanied by soreness and whitening of the skin of the sole, a cure may be readily effected by the application, once a day, of equal parts of citrine ointment and ung. aq. rosæ. The feet should be bathed frequently.