

ASTHMA.

Kayser (*Thera. Monat*) describes thirteen cases of asthma and allied conditions where calcium chloride proved effectual as a prophylactic. He gave it as follows: Calcium chloride, 20 grm.; simple syrup, 40 grm.; distilled water to 400 grm. The patient took a tablespoonful of this in milk every two hours for eight days. After a day or two the patients all breathed and expectorated easier and their sleep was no longer disturbed. There were no further attacks after the third day, in all but two patients.

ERYSIPELAS.

Chlumsky (*Zentra für innere Med.*) has never had such good results since employing externally a mixture of 2 parts of ground camphor and 1 part phenol, adding 5 per cent. alcohol to the mixture. This makes an oily fluid, free from caustic action, and it is only in delicate skins that there is a slight smarting. It seems to be a special poison to streptococci. He has employed it in hundreds of cases of erysipelas in the past few years. It may cause a blue discolorization of the skin for a time.

VARICOSE ULCERS.—(*Med. Press and Circular*).—The following method for treating varicose ulcers is much recommended by a surgeon as superior to all others. The leg is placed on an inclined plane (45°), the body keeping the horizontal position. After the limb is covered with a fine gauze or linen, ironed on both sides to make it aseptic, a strong compression of the leg is made by an elastic band, beginning at the toes and reaching the knee. In this way ischemia is obtained similar to that by Esmarch's band. As soon as the band has been rolled up the leg, it is removed, and the ulcer treated by the usual topics and a dressing applied; the patient wearing an elastic stocking can get up and walk. The elastic band, by compressing the dilated capillaries as well as the small veins and lymphatics, removes from the tissues the products of congestion, allowing thus fresh blood to circulate in the arteries. A better nutrition of the ulcer is the result, and the healing more rapid. Varicose eczema can also be treated with advantage by the same method.