

7. To better insure the escape of urine, however, through the perineal wound, and also prevent its contact with all lesions of the canal, a short tube, of large calibre and rigid walls, may be passed into the bladder from the perineal wound, and kept in position by a suture passed through the tegumentary edge of the wound. This tube may be removed after three days.

8. The use of non-irritating, antiseptic injections through the tube occupying the canal, furnishes an additional precaution against sepsis. The bladder may also be easily washed out by means of the tube used for draining it through the perineum.

MISTAKES OF PHYSICIANS.—The following (*Pacific Rec.*), seem to us as good a *résumé* of the errors of some of the cloth in certain directions as could well be formulated :

First—To promise a patient that you will cure him.

Second—To promise to call at an exact specified time.

Third—To promise that the malady will not return.

Fourth—To promise that you can render more efficient service than your fellow practitioner.

Fifth—To promise that your pills are not bitter or the knife will not hurt.

Sixth—To promise that the chill or fever will not rage so high to-morrow.

Seventh—To allow your patient to dictate methods of treatment or remedies.

Eighth—To allow yourself to be agitated by the criticism or praises of the patient's friends.

Ninth—To allow yourself to buoy up the patient when the case is hopeless.

Tenth—To allow yourself to make a display of your instruments.

Eleventh—To allow yourself to experiment or exhibit your skill uncalled for.

Twelfth—To allow yourself by look or action in a consultation to show that you are displeased and that if you had been called first matters would have been different.

Thirteenth—To allow yourself to indulge in intoxicating beverages.

Fourteenth—To allow yourself to rely wholly upon the subjective symptoms for your diagnosis.

Fifteenth—To allow yourself to tell the patient

you are prescribing *saccharum album* when you are giving calomel.

Sixteenth—To allow yourself to give arsenic and quinine when a bread and water placebo will answer.

Seventeenth—To allow yourself to tell Mr. Smith the weak places and irregularities of habits in Mr. Jones' family.

Eighteenth—To allow yourself to give your services or an opinion without a reasonable fee or a reasonable expectancy.

BORAX IN EPILEPSY.—The treatment of epilepsy being in so inchoate a state, or, rather, we are treating the disease so empirically, that even though no *rationale* may be given, anything which promises relief to the sufferer is welcome. The following is from the *Lancet*: "Dr. Dijoud has tried this remedy—borax—in twenty-five cases, and he claims to have entirely cured one, and to have relieved all except six. The duration of the treatment varied from one to seven months, and he was able without inconvenience to carry the dose up to ninety grains a day. This was only possible if a beginning were made with small doses, which were gradually increased; and when the dose exceeded sixty grains daily he found it advisable to add some glycerine to the water and syrup in which the drug was usually administered. It should also be mentioned that the patients to whom Dr. Dijoud administered borax had been treated unsuccessfully with the bromides, and there seems now to be little doubt that in certain cases of epilepsy, borax is of very considerable use. It is desirable that particulars should be furnished of the time that elapsed between the cessation of the treatment by bromides and the inauguration of that by borax, as it is well known that epileptics who have been treated with bromides often improve much in their condition after the drug has been left off; and it is necessary to distinguish this improvement, which at least occasionally occurs, from that which may be due to the administration of a fresh remedy.

NEW YORK PASTEUR INSTITUTE.—Dr. Paul Gibier, Director of the New York Pasteur Institute, informs us of the results of the preventive inoculations against hydrophobia performed at this Institute during the first six months of the