

ing of various drugs—for instance, tannin in cases of uterine catarrh.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF SODIUM SALICYLATE BY ENEMA IN THE TREATMENT OF ARTICULAR RHEUMATISM.—As a result of the employment of sodium salicylate by enema in the treatment of fifteen cases of acute articular rheumatism, seven of chronic articular rheumatism, one of pneumonia, one of puerperal septicemia, and in a healthy individual, Erlanger (*Archiv für klin. Medicin*; *Med. News*), recommends this method of medication in all cases in which the salicylates, though indicated, cannot, for one reason or another, be taken by the mouth. It is essential, in order that absorption take place, that, if the bowels have not been spontaneously moved, a preparatory enema of water be given to clean out the lower bowel. The medicated enema should contain from a drachm and a-half to two drachms of sodium salicylate, with half a drachm of tincture of opium and three ounces of water. It should be warm, and is best administered in one dose. The nozzle of the syringe should be introduced into the bowel for a distance of about eight inches. The patient is to be instructed that the enema is to be retained and not expelled.

GASTRIC CATARRH.—Dr. Whittaker, in *Lancet-Clinic*, says: Pure and simple gastric catarrh is curable in a short time, usually at most in two weeks, by the use of the stomach tube every day, best at bed-time, and the administration of hydrochloric acid. It seems to me that I have never had anything so satisfactory in the treatment of chronic gastric catarrh. I have seen so many men, who believed themselves victims of cancer, plunged in despair, cured in two weeks by simply washing out the stomach at bed-time and the administration of hydrochloric acid, with some regulation of the diet. I give milk and all mildly-cooked meats, and certain vegetables—pineapples, celery, asparagus, spinach, lettuce, onions. It is a great mistake to treat these cases without an appeal to the vegetables; but the stomach tube, I repeat is the *sine qua non*. It almost renders everything else superfluous in the treatment of gastric catarrh.

TANNIN AND BORIC ACID IN DYSENTERY.—Dr. Liebersohn (*Vratch*) reports two cases of severe

acute dysentery which were treated by hot enemata of tannin and boric acid. The results seem to show that the injection speedily arrested the intestinal hæmorrhage and quickly restored the natural character of the passages. Pain and tenesmus were immediately relieved and the course of the disease materially shortened. The enemata were given every three hours, each consisting of one fluid pound of a four per cent. solution of boric acid, ten grains of tannin and three and three-quarter drops of tincture of opium, the whole to be dissolved in a tumbler and a half of hot boiled water. The injecting fluid was retained in the bowel for one or two minutes.

TREATMENT OF BOILS BY BORIC ACID.—*L'Union Médicale* (*Therap. Gaz.*) quotes Alison as having obtained good results in the case of general furunculosis by the administration for eight or ten days of from ten to fifteen grains of boric acid a day, divided into two doses. At the same time, four or five times a day, the inflamed areas were washed with a hot solution of boric acid, in the strength of four per cent. Between the applications of this lotion compresses were applied to the diseased parts, which had been wet with the same solution of boric acid. In this way he claimed to have been able to relieve the boils which had already formed, and to do much towards preventing other outbreaks. By this means he thinks it possible to avoid surgical intervention.

FOR SCIATICA.—Dr. Lawrence in *Amer. Pract. and News* recommends the alcoholic solution of nitro-glycerine, one per cent, commencing on one drop three times a day, and gradually increasing to five drops three times a day.

GELSEMIUM FOR LUMBAGO.—It is stated that ten drops of tinct. gelsemium every four hours, will almost invariably relieve that painful condition or backache, commonly called lumbago.

FOR MYALGIA.—(*Med. News.*)

R.—Ext. emicifugæ fluid.,

Ext. erythroxyli fl.,

Tinct. guaiac ammon. āā 3j.

M.—Sig. Take a teaspoonful three times a day

VENEREAL SORES.—Don't cauterize a sore or excoriation on the penis until you find out its character, for the caustic action may mask the true