

mixed with milk, and taken on an empty stomach on rising, is fully as reliable a tæniacide as male fern, kousso, or pomegranate, etc., it is far more agreeable to the taste. No after treatment is necessary, as a single dose is usually all-sufficient.

POT. IODID. AS A CARDIAC TONIC.—M. German Sée, says *The Lancet*, has recently pointed out, before the Academy of Medicine, that iodide of potassium, far from being a depressant, is really a cardiac tonic, of almost equal value to digitalis or strophanthus in certain cases. Indeed, he says that iodide of potassium is the real cardiac drug (*vrai médicament du cœur*), since, when prescribed in cases of uncompensated mitral lesions or affections of the myocardium, it increases the cardiac power and raises vascular tension. Thus, by subsequently causing dilatation of the arterioles, it enables the heart to recover its power and affords also better facilities for the coronary circulation, thus improving the nutrition of the heart muscle.

ANTISEPTIC COTTON.—The following formula is given for the preparation of antiseptic cotton:

Biniodide of mercury . . . 8 parts.
Iodide of potassium . . . 3 parts.
Glycerin 120 parts.
Distilled water 2,400 parts.

Absorbent cotton is to be soaked in the solution and then dried.

DIPHTHERIA.—A French method of treating diphtheria (*Weekly Med. Rev.*), consists of swabbing out the throat, twice daily, with the following:—

R.—Ac. carbolic (concent'd. sol.), grms. x.
Camphor, " xxx.
Alcohol, " x.
Sweet oil, 50—M.

The camphor is not essential.

In the interval, irrigate the throat every two hours with a one per cent. carbolic solution, by means of an ordinary fountain syringe. Every particle of false membrane should be charred and removed at each sitting.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE IN POST PARTUM HÆMORRHAGE.—It is said (Mayne, *St. Petersburg Woch.*) that when all the usual remedies have failed in cases of post partum hæmorrhage, the introduction of a piece of lint saturated with spirits

of turpentine is always successful. The result is that the uterus invariably contracts rapidly and all bleeding is checked. No disagreeable results have ever followed this treatment. In one case, when the patient was almost pulseless, it even seemed to act as a stimulant.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF SANTONINE.—Dr. Lewis, of Berlin, states that santonine should be given in its least soluble form, as the desired effect is not a general, but a local one. He recommends the administration of it in some oil, such as coconut oil, olive oil, cod-liver oil, or castor oil. Some of the ethereal oils, which are so destructive to the lower forms of animal life, would be suitable in this connection.

RINGWORM OF THE SCALP.—The treatment consisted (*Med. Analec.*) in the application of a one per cent. ointment of protochloride of iodine in lanoline. Every second day the head is sprayed with warm water, and then it is dried and rubbed for some time with this ointment. It is possible by this means to cure ringworm of the scalp within a few months without resorting to epilation.

HEADACHES FROM ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO.—The following is said, *St. Louis Med. & Surg. Jour.*, to be an excellent "straightener" after the too great consumption of alcohol and tobacco:

R.—Spts. ammon. aromat., . . ʒ ss.
Spt. chloroformi, ℥ x.
Aquæ, ʒ j.—M.
Sig.—Pro dosi.

ANOTHER HYPNOTIC.—Chloralamide is a new candidate for favor as a hypnotic. It is a combination of chloral and formamide. The drug is in the form of colorless crystals, soluble in 9 parts of water and in 1½ of spirit. The dose is from 15 to 60 grains, and its action is produced in about half an hour, the sleep lasting from 6 to 8 hours. It is said to have no effect on delirious or greatly excited patients.

MALARIAL FEVER.—Dr. H. A. Sutwiler, of Flatonia, Texas, recommends (*Galliard's Med. Jour.*) cincho-quinine in those cases where the sulphate cannot be borne, giving fifteen grains at a dose, to be repeated in two to four hours. It has given him the happiest results.