

dilutes by adding by degrees the first infusion to the boiling syrup, also removing the scum during the operation, which is complete when the whole is mixed; then it is passed through a linen strainer.—*Druggists' Circular*.

ARNICA HAIR WASH.

When the hair is falling off and becoming thin from the too frequent use of castor, macassar oils, &c., or when premature baldness arises from illness, the arnica hair wash will be found of great service in arresting the mischief. It is thus prepared:—Take elder water; half a pint; sherry wine, half a pint; tincture of arnica half an ounce; alcoholic ammonia, one drachm—if this last named ingredient is old, and has lost its strength, then two drachms instead of one may be employed. The whole of these are to be mixed in a lotion bottle, and applied to the head every night with a sponge. Wash the head with warm water twice a week. Soft brushes only must be used during the growth of the young hair.—*The Druggist*.

SYMPTOMS OF APPROACHING DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM.

In the *American Times*, for Aug. 31st, Charles Kidd, M. D., writing from London says: "It is well established now in Europe, that death by chloroform begins by a sort of spasm or stoppage of the action of the respiratory muscles; these should be watched. The first dangerous symptom in the administration of chloroform, is *protrusion of the eye-balls*, and a state of the patient as if in a trance, or *state of religious ecstasy*; the respiratory muscles are stopped, the heart still beating vigorously. If this state be neglected, the respiration having stopped, the right side of the heart becomes engorged, and subsequently the heart stops by distension of its cavities; tracheotomy, as in the Crimea, done on the instant, has saved such a patient, but usually, if danger seem impending, fanning cold air on the face, and removing the patient more into the open air, succeeds."

NEW FORMULÆ FOR SINAPISMS.

Mr. Grimault recommends the following formulæ—Pure Glycerine $3\frac{1}{2}$ drachms, starch 5 drachms, and volatile oil of mustard 20 drops; and M. Chevallier publishes the following formula for what he terms *Plastic Sinapisms*:—Volatile oil of mustard 20 drops, white pitch 15 drachms. Having melted the pitch, remove it from the fire, stir in the volatile oil, and spread on leather. By the addition of 10 per cent. of resinous oil, the mass can be spread on linnen like ordinary adhesive plaster. For use, a piece can be cut off according to the size of the part to which the sinapism is intended to be applied. The effect is very speedy, and the proportions of the active principle may be varied.—*Journal de Chimie Med.*, June, p. 357.—*Medical Times and Gazette*.

CHLORATE OF POTASH FOR FŒTID BREATH.

In the majority of cases, foetid breath arises from derangement of the stomach; and for such cases the Italian Medical Journal recommends the following remedy. Three hours after each meal take a teaspoonful of a solution of 6 grammes of chlorate of potash in 120 grammes of sugared water (about a drachm and a half in four ounces); and at the same time rinse the mouth with the mixture.—*Dublin Medical Press*.

THE LAMP BATH.

The following is a very simple and most effectual method of exciting the functions of the skin. Let the patient, *in puris naturalibus*, be seated on a common wooden chair with his feet upon a low stool, the body then enveloped in two or three blankets, the