

THERAPEUTIC NOTES

Incomplete Abortion.—Edward Anderson (*Maryland Medical Journal*) considers ergot unsatisfactory in cases of incomplete abortion because it causes as forcible contractions of the cervix as any other portion of the uterus. Quinine acts chiefly on the fundus. He first administers six grains of quinine at once and then three grains every hour until the womb is completely emptied, which he has never found to fail to occur in a few hours. This practice Anderson has constantly followed for seven years. A compound cathartic pill will aid in the expulsion of retained products of conception. He has always found this treatment successful.

Ataxia.—The *Medical Press and Circular* says the most modern treatment of locomotor ataxia is that of Lortal-Jacob, and consists in dilatation of the urethra. Lesions have been found in the urethra of ataxic patients who had urinary trouble, but also gastric and rectal lesions which provoked, by irritation, similar attacks. Treatment of these lesions will improve the general condition by suppressing the irritating effect of these reflexes and the patient will experience much relief. The relief is obtained by dilating the urethra, the rectum, or the pylorus. Lesions of the urethra are particularly observed in cachectic persons, who walk with great difficulty, and who have been afflicted for a number of years.

Cough in Advanced Pulmonary Tuberculosis.—J. Douglas Blackwood (*J.A.M.A.*) had his attention called by a patient to the fact that when he took aspirin in the evening his cough was much relieved and he passed a more comfortable night. Trial was then made on several other cases, and in every case the patients reported favorable results. Dr. Blackwood gives 5 or 10 grains about 8 p.m., when there is excessive cough at night, and the smaller dose is often sufficient and not so liable to cause a night sweat.

Bronchial Asthma.—A. Latham (*Practitioner*) says that light cauterization of the nerve of the septum, in suitable cases, adequately carried out, produces great relief in a large proportion of cases. Whilst it does not cure it may give relief for several years. In any case of asthma inquiry should be made as to the possibility of dust being a contributing factor. The nose should always be carefully examined.