

CHAPPED HANDS AND FACE:

R Tr. benzoin co ℥ x.
 Alcohol 5 ij.
 Aqua rosæ ℥ xxx.
 Glycerine q. s. ad 5 j.

M. Sig: Apply to chapped surfaces at night, after they have been washed with soap and warm water and thoroughly dried.

A second application is rarely required. This remedy is equally efficacious in the treatment of fissured, bleeding and sore lips. — *Gaillard's Medical Journal*.

THE DIPHTHERIA SERUM THERAPY. — It seems that Professor Behring's particular method of antitoxine treatment is meeting with some lively opposition in Germany. At a meeting of the *Berliner medizinische Gesellschaft*, held on November 28th, Dr. Hansenmann made remarks, the report of which fills nearly four columns of the *Deutsche Medizinische Zeitung*, in which he denied the curative power of the serum, its prophylactic action, and its freedom from danger. He denied also that true diphtheria,

the diphtheria of Bretonneau, depended on the Löffler bacillus. — *N. Y. Medical Journal*.

THE INFECTIOUSNESS OF WHOOPING-COUGH. — At a recent meeting of the *Congrès de médecine interne*, held at Lyons, a report of which appeared in the *Journal de clinique et de thérapeutique infantiles*, for November 22nd, M. Weill stated that twenty-nine children suffering with whooping cough had been placed in a ward in one of the hospitals with 123 others, and not one of the latter had taken the disease. Twenty days had been the minimum time of their stay in the ward. All children over seven years of age had been left out of account, also those who remained in bed while in the hospital, leaving only those who were likely to take the disease, but no infection had resulted. While M. Weill thought that no positive conclusion could be reached from these facts, yet, he said, if whooping-cough was infectious in the city and not in the hospital, it was because different conditions existed. The most striking feature in this case was that the children who had been received at the hospital were in the last stages of the

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