

involving the skin and subcutaneous connective tissue. The skin over the tumor was livid in color, and the nipple was retracted into it. These signs apparently pointed to superficial scirrhus. But from the absence of pain, and axillary involvement, as well as the history of a dissolute husband and three miscarriages, Prof. Gross concluded that it was a gumma. The woman was put on the mixed specific treatment, and the tumor disappeared in a short time.

—A paper on “The Economic Preparation of some Antiseptic Dressings,” by Signor Silvio Plevani, has been published in the *Gazzetta degli Ospitale*. He states that tow, which is a very cheap residual material, can be used for all surgical purposes instead of absorbent cotton, when prepared according to the following directions: Boil the tow for some time in lye made with wood ashes, or with a two per cent. solution of carbonate of soda; then wash it repeatedly in water. The tow thus deprived of grease is immersed in a ten per cent. solution of chloride of lime, and kept in it some hours, with occasional stirring, until it has become perfectly white. It is then washed thoroughly in pure water until the liquid squeezed from it is perfectly limpid; drying and carding complete the process.

—Experience, the greatest of all teachers, has demonstrated that, in a large number of cases, Cod Liver Oil is beneficial for a few weeks, that the patient improves upon it, gains flesh and strength, but, unfortunately, this improvement does not continue; right in the midst of flattering prospects the patient comes to a halt, ceases to gain weight, or otherwise improve. Physicians have experimented for years in their endeavor to overcome this objection; it has finally been accomplished by Drs. G. Overend Drewry and F. C. Bartlett of London, England, who, by means of pancreatine, have succeeded in perfectly digesting or hydrating the oil, thus giving to the profession cod liver oil in a perfectly assimilable form, overcoming the only objection to its continued use. This hydrated oil is christened *Hydroleine*, and after nearly five years of extended trial it has been extensively approved of.

MELLIN'S FOOD.—Dr. H. E. Deane, resident physician of Detroit Foundlings' Home, Detroit, Mich., says:—“During the year we care for a large number of infants. The mortality in our nursery has been lessened more than one-half since we commenced using Mellin's Food. Our babies never looked so well as at present.”