

Alcohol has an appreciable action in lowering the temperature, particularly in the putrid or septic fevers. The causes of this action are many. The nervous system and the circulation are influenced. The excitation of the heart should also be considered, inasmuch as the circulation in the skin is increased and the heat dissipation is accelerated. Again, large doses of alcohol ought to act as an antiseptic agent on the organism, diminishing the vitality of bacteria. There is no post-mortem elevation of temperature in febrile animals which have been treated by large doses of alcohol. Finally, alcohol is a powerful diuretic, and thus there is an added possibility in its use of a rapid elimination of toxins which cause and keep up the fever.

**HEADACHE.**—In headache, vertigo, or other symptoms of secondary cerebral congestion, due to atheromatous degeneration of vessels, Giovanni has obtained good results from

R Ergotin . . . . . gr. iss  
 Extr. of Calabar Bean . . . . . gr. ʒ  
 Extr. of Gentian . . . . . q. s.

M. ft. pil. no. j.

Sig.: From one to ten pills daily, increasing the quantity according to tolerance.—*Le Progress Medical.*

**A NEW TREATMENT FOR UTERINE HÆMORRHAGE**—Berman (*Allg. Wieg. Med. Zeit.*)—Labadie-Lagrave has used a mixture of salol and antipyrine with prompt success in many cases of metrorrhagia and menorrhagia. Equal quantities of salol and antipyrine are warmed over a lamp, in a glass tube, till they are deep brown, and allowed to cool. A fine uterine probe, wound with cotton, is dipped in the liquified mixture and applied direct to the uterine cavity two or three times in succession. The application is painless, and not followed by unpleasant symptoms. A second application is rarely necessary. Labadie-Lagrave has used this treatment since 1893 for uterine hæmorrhage, and has had better success with it than any other. The use of the curette should precede the application if vegetations or fungosities are present.

### Book Reviews.

**A Manual of Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology**, by Henry C. Chapman, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, etc., etc. Second Edition, revised, with 55 illustrations and 3 colored plates. Philadelphia, W. B. Saunders; Toronto, Carveth & Co.

The work is enlarged since the edition of 1892 by the addition of a brief bibliography, bearing upon the statements originally made in the text. There are several new figures and tables, and the work may be looked upon as fully up to date, and of great usefulness to students.

**The National Formulary**, a new and revised edition, being a Supplement to The National Dispensatory. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia; Toronto, Carveth & Co.

This little book gives the national formulæ of unofficial preparations, and will be a valuable book of reference to the physician.