

but, as above mentioned, a much smaller dose suffices.—*Med. World.*

**IODIDE OF POTASSIUM IN FRONTAL HEADACHE.**—Dr. Haley, in *Australian Medical Journal*, claims that minimum doses of iodide of potassium is of great service in frontal headache. A two-grain dose dissolved in half a wineglass of water will often cure a dull headache which is situated over the eyebrow. The action of the drug is quite rapid.—*Medical Summary.*

**THE ETHER SPRAY AS AN IMMEDIATE CURE FOR NEURALGIA.**—In the *Philadelphia Medical Times*, February 10, 1883, Dr. McColgann highly endorses the ether or rhigolene spray for the immediate relief of neuralgia, especially of the portio dura of the 7th. He first tested its efficacy upon himself, with excellent results, and subsequently used the application in a series of twenty cases, with remarkable success. In many cases a permanent cure resulted. He explains its action by supposing that a complete alteration in the nutrition of the affected nerve occurs, in consequence of the intense cold acting as a revulsive."

**TREATMENT OF EMPYEMA OF THE PLEURA.** By Courvoisier—1. Every empyema, like an abscess, should be opened early.

2. For this, (a puncture with aspirator and washing out) only in very acute cases. In chronic cases, puncture is used only for diagnostic and palliative purposes

3. Intercostal incision is applicable only in acute and simple cases.

4. Resection of one or two ribs is indicated in all chronic and complicated cases, with a tendency to slow healing.

5. The multiple, non-subperiosteal resection of ribs is always used in chronic, hard-walled empyemas.—(*Corresp.-bl-Schweizer Aertze.*—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*)

**NEW DIAGNOSTIC SYMPTOM OF PREGNANCY.**—Prof. Osterich, in a lecture before the Society für Natur-und Heilkunde in Dresden, stated that the earliest, never-failing symptom of pregnancy is the *vaginal pulse*. It is found to the right, left and in the middle of the cervix. In healthy, non-pregnant women, it can only be felt when in a state of orgasm, but then all other symptoms of pregnancy are wanting. The lecturer never found the vaginal pulse wanting in pregnancy. Dr Grouser confirmed the statement, as being the result of his own experience.

**LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA AND SYPHILIS.** So much has been said from time to time as to the causative relation between syphilis and locomotor ataxia, that it is well to look at the views on the subject.

(*Med. and Surg. Rep.*) There are many who hold that syphilis is a very common cause of locomotor ataxia. We now learn that French opinion is divided on the subject; in Germany the weight of opinion is in favor of a relationship, and in England the same view is gaining ground.—*Lou. Med. News.*

**IRREGULAR HEART ACTION.**—Dr. Bowditch (*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*) highly praises the following:

R Pulv. digitalis, ..... gr. x ;  
Pulv. colchici sem., ..... gr. xx ;  
Sodii bicarbonatis, ..... gr. xxx.

M. et div. in pil. No. 20.

One to be taken three or four times daily at first; subsequently to be reduced until only one is taken at bedtime; the treatment to be continued for from three to nine months. He has used it for twenty-five years, and has found it to relieve even the most serious cardiac affections.

**FLATULENCE.**—In flatulence, Dr. Bruen (Phila. Hosp.) prescribes a pill containing five grains of bicarbonate of soda and five drops of oil of eucalyptus two hours after meals. Pepsin or pancreatin with milk food and the mineral acids with meats should be directed to be taken immediately after meals.—*Exchange.*

**A LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.**—The *Quarterly Therapeutic Review* says methyl salicylate (oil of wintergreen) mixed with an equal quantity of olive oil or linimentum saponis, applied externally to inflamed joints affected by acute rheumatism, affords instant relief, and, having a pleasant odor, its use is very agreeable.

IN FRANCE, children are kept from school forty days after having had small pox, measles, or scarlatina. For mumps and varicella the duration is 25 days. For diphtheria, 40 days, whether the attack is light or severe. Finally, before they can join their companions, their clothing must be disinfected, and they must take one or two baths with soap.

"WELL," remarked a young M. D., "I suppose the next thing will be to hunt out a good situation, and then wait for something to do, like Patience on a monument." "Yes," said a bystander, "and it won't be long after you do begin before the monument will be on patients.—*Phil. Med. and Surg. Reporter.*

Dr. Flint has recently tried oil of wintergreen in rheumatism in Bellevue Hospital. He gives ten drops several times a day in flax-seed tea or milk. The results have been better than with salicylic acid.—*Exchange.*