

which at present exists for the use of analgesics such as antipyrin has diverted attention from the simpler, more effectual (because more permanent) and less injurious method of treatment. Dr. Westphalen, of Berlin, points out that deficient acidity of the gastric juice is accountable for this symptom in a very large number of cases. He has tried the administration of dilute hydrochloric acid with the most gratifying results, the remedy being given immediately after a meal, and particularly after the ingestion of any special article of diet, which has already been noticed to be followed by the typical cephalalgia.

FORMULÆ FOR ECZEMA.—The following formulæ are taken from the *Memphis Med. Monthly*: Dr. Macintosh gives the following as an ointment, which in most cases pretty nearly approached the character of a specific:

R—Bismuthi subnitratis, ʒ iv.
Zinc oxidi, ʒ j.
Acid carbolic liquid, ʒ ss.
Vasellini albi, ʒ ij.

M. ft. ung.

Or:

R—Bismuthi subnitratis, ʒ iij.
Zinc oxidi, ʒ ss.
Glycerini, ʒ iss.
Acidi carbolic liquid, ℥ xx.
Vasellini albi, ʒ vj.

M. ft. ung.

The latter ointment mixes into a beautiful enamel-like cream, which is cooling, and acts as a balm to the irritated skin. When constant tingling and irritation disturb the patient's rest at night, the following lotion is said to be valuable:

R—Bismuthi subnitratis, ʒ j.
Glycerini, ʒ iv.
Acidi carbolic liquid, ℥ xij.
Aque rosæ, ad. ʒ j.

M. Sig. Shake up and apply with a camel's hair pencil.

The following medical proverbs are from the *Med. Age* :—

German—A physician is an angel when employed, but a devil when you must pay him.

Dear physic always does good.

A disobedient patient makes an unfeeling physician.

Spanish—What cures Sancho makes Martha sick.

The earth hides as it takes

The physician's mistakes.

He that sits with his back to a draught, sits with his face to a coffin.

Of the malady a man fears he dies.

He that would be healthy must wear his winter clothes in summer.

English—Diseases are a tax upon our pleasures.

A good surgeon must have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart and a lady's hand.

Tender surgeons make foul wounds.

* *Miscellaneous*—A physician is a man who pours drugs, of which he knows little, into a body of which he knows less.—*French*.

Do not doubt; you are no doctor.—*Anon*.

Most physicians, as they grow greater in skill, grow less in religion.—*Massinger*.

FRIGHT AND CHLOROFORM.—Under this title the *Br. Med. Jour. (Therap. Gaz.)* reports the following case of death from chloroform. The facts elicited at the inquest held upon the remains of Mr. Weguelin-Smith showed that he suffered from varicose veins, for which he was to undergo an operation in St. Thomas' Home. Before this he was examined by the anæsthetist, who was struck by his "looking ill." However, the examination showed Mr. Weguelin-Smith, who was only twenty-five years of age, to be free from organic disease. He was, however, very nervous, and expressed a fear of chloroform. This anæsthetic was given, but when 20 or 30 drops had been administered, breathing and the heart's action stopped. All efforts to restore vitality failed. The chloroformist stated that his patient was at no time really under the influence of the anæsthetic, and that death resulted from syncope.

THE ANTISEPTIC TREATMENT OF BURNS.—Mr. Mayland concludes a paper in the *Glasgow Medical Journal* on the above subject as follows:—

1. The parts sterilised by the burn are kept sterile.
2. No active inflammation takes place, and hence no further death of tissue ensues.
3. No copious purulent discharge.
4. Infrequency of removal of dressings.
5. Little or no pain, connected with such removal.
6. No offensive odor.
7. The necrosed tissue is rapidly thrown off by the growth