

was in August, 1888, I have prescribed the castanea treatment for all cases of rhus and ivy poisoning, and in all stages of the inflammation, with the single result in every case of perfect relief, from all symptoms in from twenty-four to seventy-two hours. I do not find this treatment in books on diseases of skin which I have read, and therefore offer it to the profession.

LACTIC ACID AS A PROPHYLACTIC IN GOUT.—Berenger-Feraud (*Jour. de Méd. de Paris*), recommends the employment of lactic acid to prevent the gouty attack. To six hundred grains of the acid is added sufficient water to make a solution of twenty teaspoonfuls, each teaspoonful will thus contain thirty grains. Every morning a teaspoonful of the solution is added to two or three glasses of sweetened water and drunk in the course of the day. At the end of twenty days the medication is suspended for ten or twelve days, and then resumed. The treatment should be continued for several years. The remedy is inoffensive, and does not interfere with the digestion or the nutrition.

FOR LARYNGEAL PHTHISIS.—In the treatment of this affection, Cozzolino (*Revista de Ciencias Médicas de Barcelona*) employs the following:

R—Pulv. iodoform . . . 5.00 grammes.
Powd. phosph. calcium . 10.00 grammes.
Boric acid powd. . . . 5.00 grammes.
Menthol. from 40 to 80 centigrammes. M.

Sig.—To be insufflated into the larynx, night and morning.

STRONTIUM LACTATE IN TÆNIA.—Laborde, (*Jour. de Méd. de Paris*), has had excellent results in tænia with the usual dietary care from the following:

R—Strontii Lact., 3 j.
Aquæ, 3 viij.
Glycerini, q. s.—M.

Sig.—Two teaspoonfuls every morning for five days.

A MEANS OF RESUSCITATION OF THE APPARENTLY DROWNED.—Laborde says (*La France Méd.*) this means is to be used in conjunction with the ordinary methods. It consists in seizing the tongue, and making energetic, backward and forward movements, causing powerful action and

excitation of the base of the tongue, and producing reflex respiratory action. This simple expedient has succeeded even after immersion of twenty-five minutes duration, and after the usual methods had failed.

Books and Pamphlets.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN CLIMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, Vol. 8, 1891. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders & Co., 913 Walnut St. Price \$1.50 net. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The above work has been received, and is fully up to the standard of the former volumes. Among the most noteworthy papers read at the 8th annual meeting of the Society, being "The Treatment of Catarrhal Inflammations," by Beverley Robinson, the well-known New York specialist, who treats of the subject in a most thorough and practical manner, and "The Pretubercular Condition," by Dr. Hilgard Tyndale. We can thoroughly recommend the work to those interested in climatology.

MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPETUTICS.—By L. F. Warner, M.D., Attending Physician, St. Bartholomew's Dispensary, New York. Being volume 5 of the Students' Quiz Series. Pocket size, 224 pages, \$1.00. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. 1892.

This will be found a useful little work for students. It is a compend based upon the works of some of the best known writers on the subject, as Brunton, Bartholow, Wood, Bruce, etc.

GENITO-URINARY AND VENEREAL DISEASES; a Manual for Students and Practitioners. By Charles H. Chetwood, M.D. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. 178 pages, \$1.00.

This is another of the "Quiz Compend." The compiler has drawn his material from the works of Drs. Edward L. Keys, Ultzman, Sir Henry Thompson, and Ashurst.

OBSTETRICS, a Manual for Students and Practitioners. By Charles W. Hayt, M.D. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. 186 pages, \$1.00.

This compend contains the most important matter on the subject in as condensed a form as possible. It is based upon Charpentier, Hirst, Playfair, Winckel and Lusk.