GLYCERINE AS A MEANS OF DISGUIS-ING MEDICINES.

The Philadelphia Medical Times calls attention to the use of glycerine as a means of disguising medicines, especially those of an oily nature. Some time since it was announced that if castor oil be mixed with an equal part of plycerin and one or two drops of oil of cinnamon to the dose, it can scarcely is recognized. "We have used this mixture a great number of times, and can confirm all that has been said of it. Children take it out of the spoon without difficulty. We have given it to doctors without their discovering that they were taking castor oil.

"In typhoid fever and other diseases in which turpentine is indicated, patients often object very much to its taste. The addition of half an ounce of glycerine to a six-ounce emulsion disguises almost completely the turpentine, especially if a drop of oil of gaultheria or of other volatile oil be added for each dose.

"Nodoubt the principle is capable of wide extension. It is said that cod-liver oil may be discuiswith glycerine and whiskey; and Dr. Herbert L. Snow writes to the British Medical Journal that an addition of a small quantity of glycerine (about half an ounce to an eight-ounce mixture) will altogether obviate the sensation of astringency produced by the chloride of iron dissolved in syrup."

INFUSION OF WILD CHERRY BARK.

In a paper published in the American Journ. of Pharmacy, Mr. J. B. Moore criticises the formula of the United States Pharmacopœia for preparing the infusion of wild cherry bark, and says that an infusion of water alone represents only the sedative properties of the drug, and contains but a meagre proportion of the bitter tonic principle. Of this, that glycerine is one of the best solvents, and proposes the following formula, which he says gives an infusion superior to the officinal one :--

| Powdered wild | cherry | bark, | No. | 60 | |
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| (ilycerine . Water, temp. 86 | ••• | • | • | | . f3ij |

Water, of each a sufficient quantity.

Moisten the powder with six fluid drachms of water at 86°, and allow it to stand for about two hours in an air-tight at about the same temperature; then pack firmly in a percolator, and then pour on gradually the glycerine previously mixed with ten fluid ounces of water at 86°, and when all is passed continue the percolation with water until one pint of infusion is obtained. A more concentrated infusion, with which the dose might be reduced from two or three fluid ounces to two or three tablespoonfuls by using double the quantity of bark.

They have rather s rapid way of living and dying in Memphis. Dr. Miller, of Atlanta, who was in Memphis while the cholera had prevailed there, narrates a sprightly incident. At 7 o'clock a man went to market and bought his breakfast, went home, cooked it, and was eating it, when he was taken with cholera. He sent for Dr. Miller, who visited him at 9 o'clock, prescribed, and told him he would be back in an hour. At a quarter past 10 he returned. The man was not only dead, but had been buried, and the room swept and garnished for another occupant. What could Dr. Miller have given him -New York Tribune.

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