

## Medical Items and News.

The most recent treatment of diphtheria is one recommended by a writer in the "Deutsch Archiv. f. Klin. Medicin," who advises the application of a galvano-caustic to the patches on the pharynx.

A case of poisoning with salicylate of soda is recorded in the same journal. A patient with phthisis and pleurisy, took by mistake 230. grs. The symptoms were at first loss of consciousness with occasional delirium, vomiting and dyspnoea, the respiration being unusually loud. After twelve hours consciousness returned, and thirst and difficulty of hearing were complained of. He recovered in two days, and the large dose appeared to have a very beneficial effect upon the pleuritic effusion.

Abortive treatment of whooping cough with amyl nitrite is strongly recommended by Dr. Sawarowsky. (St. Petersburg Med. Wochenschr.) A few drops of the amyl nitrite with a drachm of chloroform are placed in a bottle, and inhaled several times a day directly from it. For three days 1-12 gr. of argent. cyanat is given every two hours.

Trendelenburg of Berlin, in a case of hydrocele which had been treated in vain with Iodine injections and compression, made a small incision and put in a drainage tube, by which a complete cure was effected, the surfaces of the sac uniting together. He advises a small incision, and a short drainage tube, through which carbolic acid may be injected if necessary. An antiseptic bandage is also applied.

The method of treating tape-worm by Prof. Mosler of Griefswald is as follows: The day before the cure a dose of castor oil is given and injections in order to thoroughly clear the bowels, and the diet is restricted to salt food, broths, &c. The next morning the following pills are given within two hours: Extract granati spirit. grs. 40. m. f. pill nr. 30. An hour after taking the last 10 pills the patient get a dose of castor oil, and then every hour or two an injection of a couple of pints of warm water until the worm is expelled. It is stated to be a most successful method.