

Publishers' Department

OXOLINT is a new product which will be of great interest to our readers. By the Mudge process it is prepared from flax stock, and is said by surgeons of note to be a perfect absorbent linen. It is said to meet perfectly the requirements of medical and surgical practice, far surpassing absorbent cotton. It is manufactured by the Oxford Linen Mills, 212 Essex St., Boston. Canadian physicians visiting New York, may examine specimen products at 225 Fifth Avenue. A copy of a booklet, contrasting the old and the new method, may be secured through the Sterling Debenture Corporation, Brunswick Bldg., Madison Square, New York.

FOR NERVOUSNESS, sleeplessness and sexual excitement, characterized by erections or even chordee, various authorities vary in their recommendations. Ringer recommends the use of aconite and camphor. Bartholow and Phillips both advise the administration of lupulin. The value of Hyoscyamus has been appreciated by many medical men for a long time, and is quite valuable. Bromidia is to be highly recommended, since it consists of chloral, bromide, hyoscyamus and cannabis indica, and acts as a somnifacient, spinal sedative and hypnotic. The dose is a drachm to two drachms an hour before bed time.—*American Journal Dermatology*.

THE VALUE OF CODEINE.—*The Cleveland Medical Journal*, quoting from the *Denver Medical Times*, concerning Codeine, states that, according to Butler, "It is less depressing and more stimulating than morphine, does not constipate, cause headache or nausea, and rarely leads to the formation of a habit. Codeine seems to exert a special, selective, sedative power over the pneumogastric nerve, hence its value in irritative laryngeal, pharyngeal and phthisical coughs with scanty secretion. Like morphine, it has proved of value in checking the progress of saccharine diabetes, and it has been used for long periods, without the formation of the drug habit, inasmuch as when glycosuria was brought to a termination by dietary and other measures, the cessation of the use of Codeine was not followed by any special distress. The