

exist. The treatment of bruises of a simple character consists of rest and the use of warm fomentations or cold lotions. Do not employ the latter in cases of extensive bruise, as you may compromise the vitality of the skin.

THERAPEUTICAL RECORD.

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Epilepsy.—Dr. McKinley, of Georgia, in a communication to the *American Medical Gazette*, thus writes:—"We are well satisfied in our own mind, and we have become so by experience, that the way to cure a man of epilepsy is to castrate him. Dr. McK. gives us no idea as to his method of treating epilepsy in the female, but favours us with a case, in which the disease was cured, without leaving the patient in the unpleasant condition usual after such a surgical operation.

Fibrous Tumours of the Uterus.—Dr. West is in the habit of making the following prescription for this disease. As one of the physicians in attendance on St Bartholomew's, he has often the opportunity of testing the value of the iodine preparations in promoting absorptions. His conclusions are in favour of the efficacy of this remedy.—R. Potass. iod. gr. j.; syr. iod. ferri. vj. xx.; Aquae caruæ ꝑss. Ter die sumend.

Hydrocele Cured by an Ointment of Digitalis.—M. Bellucci reported five cases in 1854 cured by this method. Dr. La Farge of Toulouse, reports another case on the right side cured in six weeks by friction of the following ointment: Powdered leaves of digitalis, 6 parts; lard, 30. A suspensory bandage has also to be used. It will be remembered that this journal reported several cases, in the second volume, of ascites cured by a similar application to the abdominal parietes.—*Phil. Med. and Surg. Journal.*

Obesity.—Dr. Cockburn, of Darlington, Pa., reports in the *Medical Examiner* a case of polysarcia truly astonishing. A boy, aged nearly three years, weighed 98 lbs., and is fattening at the rate of six pounds in seven weeks! He is well proportioned being three feet high; measuring 36 inches around the chest; 40 round the abdomen; upper part of the arm, 10; wrist, 7; upper part of the thigh, 26; ankle, 12.

Rheumatism.—In the *Jour. de Med.* of Brussels, Dr. Hœr reports a number of cases of rheumatism, unaccompanied with much fever, but characterised by persistence in the swelling of the joints and extreme pain, in which the tincture of *cannabis indica*, in doses of eight to ten drops, *ter die*, removed the pain in a short time, this result being preceded by abundant diuresis.

Saccharine Carbonate of Iron and Manganese.—Take of finely powdered sulphate of iron, three ounces and one drachm; carbonate of soda,