

to babies, but some of the finer cream cheeses may probably be used cautiously with a certain amount of confidence.

Incidentally, M. Gallois tells us that he has employed with satisfaction a mixture of butter and cheese as a substitute for meat in the diet of persons suffering with Bright's disease. In such cases, we presume, a solid cheese might be quite as acceptable as cream cheese, and its use is no novelty. A mixture of butter and almost any good cheese is palatable and highly nutritious, and we should think it might be preferred by many patients to skimmed milk and some of the other substitutes for meat. Many kinds of cheese are constipating to certain individuals, but doubtless it is quite practicable to correct this action; indeed, it often abates if the use of cheese is persisted in.—*New York Medical Journal*.

SURGICAL HINTS.

In operations for uterine fibroids special attention should be given to the heart during anesthesia, owing to the frequent presence of organic cardiac disease in these cases.

The presence of phimosis in children is a common cause of erections, but if they occur in the absence of this condition it is well to bear in mind the possibility of their being due to gravel or vesical calculus.

When purgatives are required after laparotomies salines usually serve the purpose best, while calomel sometimes acts as an irritant and increases fecal obstruction by producing a spasmodic condition of the bowel.

The occurrence of epididymitis in the course of gonorrhea usually points to the involvement of the posterior urethra, prostate, or bladder, and it is a curious fact that the characteristic symptoms of disease of these parts begin to subside as soon as the epididymis is attacked.

While the pessary has been generally discarded by gynecologists for the treatment of many of the conditions in which it was formerly held in high esteem, it still serves an undoubted good purpose in cases of retrodeviations during the early months of pregnancy, where the support afforded by its use prevents many pressure disturbances by the uterus and facilitates the ascent of the organ.—*International Journal of Surgery*.