

year, I was informed that this child, who had scrofulous inflammation of one of the joints, and a greatly enlarged and pendulous abdomen, from a lack of tonic and action in the muscular fibres, seldom had a stool without the use of a cathartic or a clyster. The circumference of the body, measured over the umbilicus, was twenty-three inches, and the abdomen was soft and painless on pressure. The following prescription was ordered :

R. Syr. calcis lactophosphat...1 part.  
Olei morrhue.....2 parts. Misce.

S. Give two teaspoonfuls three times daily. Rub the abdominal surface three times daily with cod liver oil, making the inunction gently but firmly with the extended fingers.

From the day on which this treatment was commenced the abdominal protuberance began to subside, and stools have occurred regularly without further aid. In the ordinary habitual constipation of young children, I think that the muscular coat of the intestines needs stimulating to produce more active peristaltic and vermicular movements, and I know no safer and better way to produce this than by kneading and rubbing, just as we make the uterine fibres contract in parturient women. It insures more thorough manipulation if the nurse is directed to apply some kind of oil or other medication.

INFANTILE DIARRHŒA.—If a more active laxative is occasionally required I prefer the following :

R. Sodæ phosphatis.....3i.  
Syr. calcis lactophosphatis3iiss. Misce.

Give one teaspoonful, more or less, according to the age, as often as may be required. The two phosphatic salts, if properly prepared, dissolve without precipitation, and form a mixture, which is readily taken by the patient.

The treatment of this disease by small doses of calomel, combined with Dover's powder, has been very generally and properly discarded in New York.

R. Tinct. opii.....gtt. xvj.  
Bismuth. subnitrat.....3ij.  
Syr. simplic.....3ss.  
Mistur. cretæ.....3ss. Misce.

Give one teaspoonful every three hours to a child of one year.

R. Tinct. opii.....gtt. xvj.  
Bismuth. subnitrat.....3ij.  
Pepsini (vel Lactopeptini).3iiss.  
Syr. zingiberis,  
Aq. menth peperit . . . . .aa 3i.

To be administered in the same dose as the foregoing. In severe cases the dose may be given for a time every two or two and a-half hours.

I have observed decided benefit from the use of  $\frac{1}{10}$  th to  $\frac{1}{6}$  th of a drop of tincture of ipecacuanha, given to the infant in a teaspoonful of cold water, every hour or second hour, till the nausea ceases.

In certain cases, in which the diarrhœa is not sufficiently controlled by medicines administered by the mouth, injections of  $\frac{1}{10}$  th to  $\frac{1}{6}$  th of a certain nitrate of silver, in each ounce of mucilage, will be found useful.—*Virg. Med. Monthly.*

TREATMENT OF MIGRAINE BY GUARANA.—True migraine, characterized by acute frontal pain commencing on one side, occasionally both, or going from one side to the other, usually lasting from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, with or without sickness, and relieved or cured by sleep, whether caused by wrong diet or not, will almost invariably yield to it. In young persons, not only does it cure each individual attack, but by persevering, the habit itself is broken. One cause of failure is the smallness of the dose, so that in many cases in which it has been tried before and failed, an increase of the dose has been followed by cure. Twenty-five grains for an adult female, thirty for a male, repeating in one or two hours, if necessary, is my usual dose.—*J. Hurd Wood, M.D., in British Medical Journal.*

ELECTRICITY IN INFLAMMATION.—G. E. Weisflog recommends the use of the fanadic current in the treatment of traumatic inflammation. It alleviates pain, lowers inflammation, and hastens absorption. The affected limb is placed in a water bath, into which one electrode is immersed, the other being applied to some healthy part of the body.