

**STRYCHNINE IN PREGNANCY.**—Olenyn has successfully used strychnine in sixteen cases for the correction of weak labor-pains, in doses of 1-32 to 1-25 grain twice daily, at intervals, during the last six or eight weeks of pregnancy, *Kansas City Med. Rec.* Four of these cases were anæmic primiparæ from nineteen to thirty-two years of age, with weak muscles; three were multiparæ under thirty years, with habitual weak labor-pains; four suffered from chronic metritis and had been pregnant at intervals of from three to twelve years; one patient had a small uterine fibroid; two had flabby uteri and relaxed abdominal walls; one had tertiary syphilis and general debility, and another diseased appendages with hysteria. In two primiparæ the forceps had to be used, and in one the child was dead; but in all the other cases delivery was rapid and regular and the children lived. The third stage lasted from ten to twenty minutes and *post-partum* contraction of the uterus was excellent.

**SANMETTO IN RETENTION OF URINE.**—Have given Sanmetto a good trial and find it one of the best preparations I have ever used. Case No. I.—John D., age 70, Ireland—has been troubled for a long time; unable to pass his urine. After treatment with other remedies with no benefit, placed him on Sanmetto with following results: The first day the pus increased in quantity, on second day diminished, by fourth day could urinate himself; before this he had to be catheterized. Dose one drachm every four hours for the first three days, afterwards one drachm three times a day. Discharged in ten days, a complete cure of cystitis. A. C. Forman, M.D., House Phys. Bayonne Hospt., Bayonne, N. J.

**BRETHREN, BEWARE!**—Let all medical men take a lesson from the dearly bought experience of Dr Playfair, the eminent and fashionable London doctor and author. He was mulcted in \$60,000 damages for having made the statement to his wife that a Mrs. Kitson was unchaste. She communicated it to Sir James Kitson, the brother of Mr. Arthur Kitson, with the result that Sir James, who is a millionaire, withdrew an allowance of \$12,500 which he was making to Mrs. Kitson after her separation from his brother. Mrs. Playfair is a sister of Sir James and Arthur

Kitson. Of all women, doctor's wives should be discreet.

**TREATMENT OF HÆMORRHOIDS.**—Dr. Schmey, *Allg. Med. Centr. Ztg.*, recommends a simple means of treating hæmorrhoids which he has successfully employed in a number of cases, three of which are reported in detail. It consists in painting the nodules once daily with a 2 per cent. solution of nitrate of silver, which causes a gradual reduction in size without the least pain. In the cases reported the tumors had entirely disappeared in the course of one or two weeks. As there are many patients who positively refuse operative treatment this new procedure is well worthy of attention.

THE nutrient enemata of emulsified oil recommended by Professor Revilloid, of Geneva, are made as follows, *Pract*:

R—Ol. Morrhuæ . . . . . ℥ xvij.  
Vitelli ovi n° . . . . . ij.  
Aquæ calcis . . . . . ℥ xvij.

To diminish the irritability of the mucosa 7 per cent. of salt can be added. The cod-liver oil may be replaced by olive oil. The injection should preferably be made at bedtime, commencing with a dose of four ounces, and increasing afterwards to twelve or fourteen ounces.

#### INCONTINENCE OF URINE:

R—Strychniæ sulph., . . . . gr. j.  
Pulv. cantharidis, . . . . gr. ij.  
Morphiæ sulph., . . . . gr. iss.  
Ferri redacti, . . . . gr. xx.—M.

Ft. pil. no. xl.

Sig.—One pill thrice daily to a child ten year old.—*Gross.*

#### IMPOTENCE:

R—Tinct. phosphori, . . . . ℥ iss.  
Tinct. cantharidis, . . . . ℥ iijss.  
Elixir simplicis, . . . . ad ℥ v.—M.

Sig.—One teaspoonful three or four hours before retiring. Increase the dose carefully.—*Van Buren and Keyes.*

At Johns Hopkins University on the 22nd ult. the degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred on Mr. Harry L. Wilson, a graduate of Queen's College.