

## NUTRITIVE VALUE OF RECTAL INJECTIONS OF EGG ALBUMEN.

The assertions of Voit and Bauer and Eichhorst to the effect that egg albumen is absorbed by the rectum only in the presence of a certain proportion of chloride of sodium, but is returned unaltered with the fæces if this reagent be absent, has led the author to investigate this point anew, and to make his observations on man, and not on dogs, as his predecessors had done. The experiments were planned with great care, and the quantity of albumen removed from the body, both by the urine and the fæces, was estimated. As the outcome of several series of experiments, the results of which show a great agreement. Huber gives as his conclusion that egg albumen simply beaten up is absorbed by the rectum, but only in very small quantities, and consequently a nutrient enema of this kind possesses hardly any value. When, however, a certain amount of common salt is added (15 grains to each egg in the present series of experiment), the quantity of albumen absorbed is doubled. Peptonized egg albumen was absorbed in very slightly greater proportion than that treated with common salt. Of the albumen thus treated with salt, between sixty and seventy per cent. was absorbed, and we, therefore, have in this mixture an extremely valuable material for nutrient enemata.

In no case of Huber's were the enemata expelled; nor was albuminuria ever found to occur after their use.—*The Medical Chronicle*.—*Nashville Jour. of Med. and Surg.*

## TREATMENT OF THE VOMITING OF PREGNANCY.

The *Deutsche medicinische Wochenschrift* recommends the following treatment for vomiting of pregnancy:

R. Creasote,	10 drops.
Acetic acid,	20 "
Sulphate of morphine,	1 grain.
Distilled water,	1 ounce.

A small teaspoonful every half-hour until four doses have been taken.—*Med. News.*

## POWDER FOR ACUTE ECZEMA.

*La Semaine Medical* gives the following prescription of Alexinski for this condition:

R. Oxide of Zinc,	15 grains.
Subnitrate of Bismuth,	30 grains.
Powdered Starch,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ drachms.
Powdered Lycopodium,	$1\frac{1}{2}$ drachms.

This powder is to be dusted over the parts which are affected, night and morning.—*Cincinnati Med. Journal*.—*Pittsburgh Med. Review.*

## IODIDE OF POTASSIUM IN THE TREATMENT OF URTICARIA.

Stern has successfully treated five cases of chronic urticaria by the administration of iodide of potassium, four of the cases having been rebellious to all the measures usually employed in this disease. The fifth case was one of acute urticaria of a few days' duration. None of the patients were syphilitic, and all were rapidly cured. In one case which had lasted for four months the intolerable itching disappeared on the second day of treatment and a complete cure was obtained after two and a half drachms of the iodide had been administered. In two other cases, one of two years' and the other of six years' duration, the effect of the iodide was equally good, cure following the administration of six and eight drachms respectively.—*Lon. Med. Record*.—*Nashville Jour. of Med. and Surg.*

## TREATMENT OF SEBORRHOIC ECZEMA.

Dubreuilh states that this affection, which is difficult of treatment, will yield to the following application, if made twice a day:

R. Oxide of zinc,	2 drachms.
Washed sulphur,	1 drachm.
Salicylic acid,	15 grains.
Vaseline,	1 ounce.

—*Med. News.*

## TEST OF COMPLETE CHLOROFORM NARCOSIS.

Guelliot (*Journal de Medecine de Paris*) claims that the absence of the cremasteric reflex is one of the best and readiest means of determining complete chloroform narcosis. The quickness and force with which the reaction is produced is some index of the degree of narcosis. The point seems to be one well worthy of consideration by the practical surgeon.—*Jour. Am. Med. Assoc.*—*Pittsburgh Med. Review.*

## ANTISEPTIC APPLICATION FOR DIPHTHERIA.

Le Gendre recommends the employment of

R. Borate of sodium,	} of each 1
Chlorate of potassium,	
Carbolic acid,	3 grains.
Glycerin,	$2\frac{1}{2}$ drachms.
White honey,	1 ounce.

The mixture is to be applied to the portion of the throat which is involved in the disease by means of a camel's hair brush.—*La Tribune Medicale*.—*Med. News.*