

uterus, and by stretching the uterine nerves in the broad ligaments, partly because anemia of the uterus is one of the strongest stimuli to contraction.

The great advantages of the method are its certainty, simplicity, and—with the most elementary precautions—avoidance of sepsis.—*Med. and Surg. Review of Reviews.*

Orthoform and New Orthoform.

Klaussner (*Münchener med. Wochenschrift*, October 18th, 1898) draws attention to a new modification of orthoform ("Orthoform neu") introduced by Einhorn and Heinz. The new orthoform has the same action as the original, but presents the following advantages over it: (1) The powder is more homogeneous, whiter in color, and does not cohere into lumps to such an extent. (2) It is considerably cheaper, and since its action is manifested in a 10 to 20 per cent. mixture with starch or other powder, its price is no longer prohibitive.

Orthoform, though introduced so recently as August, 1897, has proved serviceable in a great variety of painful affections, both external and internal, through the local anesthesia which it produces whenever the nerve endings are exposed. Neumayer and others have found that, insufflated in tuberculous laryngitis, accompanied by severe pain, it causes anesthesia for 18 to 36 hours, allowing solid food to be taken with comfort, and thus improving the general health. Other clinicians have employed it in painful gastric affections in doses of 15 grains, and have found that, while it relieves the pain of gastric ulcer, simple or malignant, with certainty for some hours, it has no action if there is no solution of continuity. On this account it is a very valuable aid to diagnosis in these cases. Good results have been obtained in skin affections such as prurigo or herpes zoster. A 5 per cent. ointment relieves the pain of corneal ulcer. It has also been reported on very favorably by dentists, as relieving the pain accompanying exposed pulp or excavation of carious teeth, and by gynecologists as a local anesthetic for curetting or plugging the uterus. Surgeons have praised it as an application to anal fissure, malignant ulcers and bed-sores. Hirschbruch uses it in a 3 per cent. emulsion instead of cocaine for infiltration anesthesia, and Lob adds it to injections of mercury in syphilis. Orthoform has the great advantage over cocaine of being absolutely non-poisonous.—*Med. and Surg. Review of Reviews.*

Treatment of Fissure of the Nipple.

Maygrier and Blondel (*Bull. et Mém. de la Soc. Obs. et Gyn. de Paris*, November 10th, 1898) report favorably on the use of orthoform for cracked nipples. It belongs to the same chemical