

TREATMENT OF EPITHELIOMA OF THE FACE WITH METHYLENE BLUE.

CLAVELIER AND LAUDREIRE.—Treatment of epithelioma of the face and of the eyelids with methylene blue. (*Therap. Monats.*, 1898, p. 681.) The authors treated fifteen cases of epithelioma of the face with methylene blue: five of these according to the method of Darier (methylene blue, galvano-cautery, chronic acid), the remaining ten with curettage followed by the application of methylene blue in powder or dissolved in glycerine. This last procedure gave the best results. If there was not always a cure, at least there was an improvement. No disfigurement of the face occurred. In all fresh cases, however, extirpation deserves the preference.

HAVE THE TONSILS AN INTERNAL SECRETION?

After the injection into the auricular veins of rabbits of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 gm. of the aqueous or glycerine extract of tonsils, Masini obtains a rise of pressure from 3 to 4 cm. The cardiac action becomes stronger and slower. There is slight myosis and increased reflex excitability. On account of the presence of numerous similar glands in the tongue the extirpation of the tonsils causes no disturbances, but it might be possible that the symptoms observed in cases of adenoid proliferation, as delayed intellectual development, etc., are to be considered as symptoms of deficiency. —(*Ther. d. Gegenw.* n.s., v. 6, 1898, p. 691.)

ACTION OF GLYCERINE UPON THE PREGNANT UTERUS.

TAROZZI, E.—Action of glycerine upon the pregnant uterus. (*Archivio di Farmacol.*, 1897, p. 159.) After exposing the uterus of pregnant guinea-pigs during various stages of pregnancy Tarozzi injected $\frac{1}{2}$ c.c. of glycerine without injuring the fetal membranes, or let it fall drop by drop upon its surface, and found that injections of glycerine into the uterine cavity produced rapid contraction which were intense enough to expel the fetus. This prompt action of the glycerine he believes due to an excitation due to the abstraction of water. —(*From Arch. ital. de Biol.*, v. 29, 1898, p. 230.)

TREATMENT OF PULMONARY GANGRENE.

WIENER treated successfully a case of gangrene of the left lower lobe of the lung by first resecting the ribs and opening the pulmonary cavity with the pacquelin, after which it was packed with iodoform gauze. The fetid expectoration became at once purely suppurative, and the cavity closed in four weeks. The fistula also closed. The patient within a very short time gained thirty pounds. —(*Ther. d. Gegenw.* n.s., v. 4, 1898, p. 664.)