

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.—This disease is at present prevailing as an epidemic in the Province of New Brunswick. It is at present limited to the neighborhood of Moncton, although a few cases have appeared in St. John; a few cases have also occurred lately in the western part of this Province. It is also prevalent in the Western States, particularly in Kansas. It appears to be very erratic in its course, appearing and disappearing in different parts of the same State or Province, at different times, without seeming to travel in any particular direction. In the cases that have occurred within the past two months, the mortality has been very great. Prof. Loomis, of New York, who has had considerable experience in the treatment of this affection, gives the following:—Sol. saturat. potass bromide, minims xl. every two or three hours; quiniæ sulph., grs. iij. to v. every three hours, ice to the head and spine; blisters to the nape of the neck; bleeding, when the constitution of the patient will admit of it, and tonics during convalescence.

SUPERFŒTATION PHYSIOLOGICALLY CONSIDERED.—Professor B. E. Shultze, of Jena, a prominent gynæcologist of Germany, in a lecture on twin gestation, remarks:—

“The most weighty physiological objection to superfœtation consists in the fact that during the existence of pregnancy the development of new ovuli in the ovaries ceases entirely. Not a single exception to this rule has ever been established by observation. The ovaries of females deceased during pregnancy, or after delivery, have been submitted to careful observation; but all pathological anatomists agree that in all such cases the corpus luteum of the last pregnancy can easily be discovered, but no follicles which have ruptured at a later period.”

THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF GELSEMINUM.—This remedy is very highly spoken of in the treatment of various inflammatory diseases. It appears to exert a marked influence in relieving the congestion and controlling inflammatory excitement. It has been administered in dysentery, combined with opium and rhubarb, with very beneficial effects, even in the gravest forms of the disease. In gonorrhœa and ophthalmia of a highly inflammatory nature it has been found of signal service, by relieving the congested state of the vessels and promoting resolution.