

passing liquid stools, accompanied with an immense quantity of gas, with very decided relief of alarming symptoms. The injection was repeated in a few hours for another rapid accumulation of gas, and with the same results. The child made a perfect recovery, although it was one of the worst cases I have ever seen. I have repeatedly used this injection since in milder cases for constipation and accumulation of fæces and gas, and it has seemed to be all that one could desire in its effects.

DR. LINGRAND, (*Le Concours Med.—Med. Brief.*) gives the following table, which will be found very convenient for making calculations, especially as it can be very readily learned :

January.....	3	July.....	4
February.....	3	August.....	3
March.....	5	September.....	3
April.....	5	October.....	3
May.....	6	November.....	3
June.....	3	December.....	4

To arrive at the two hundred and seventy days, start at the day which marks the end of menstruation and count backwards three months, then subtract the number of days indicated in the table opposite the month in which the catamenia ceased. For example, the 24th of July being the day indicated above, we begin by counting backwards: June 24, May 24, April 24—April 24 less four days (the number opposite the month of July in the table) = April 20 = two hundred and seventy days. To this may be added seven days, or better, from seven to seventeen days according as the fetal movements first perceived by the mother indicate a period more or less near the last day of menstruation. When February has twenty-nine days' as in the present year, and is included in the calculation, one day more should be subtracted.

TREATMENT OF HÆMORRHOIDS.—Dr. J. Brindley James writes to the *Br. Med. Jour.*, that he has for some years been in the habit of treating hæmorrhoids by the simple process of applying calomel to them with the finger alone, and without a single exception he has done so with marked success, especially when inflammatory action was obvious in the hæmorrhoidal mass, characterized by mucus discharge and hæmorrhage, accompanied by most painful sensation of weight in the rectal region. All these symptoms under this simple

influence were speedily relieved, with the still more important subsequent advantage of the patients' restoration to ease. "Only a few days ago," he writes, "a patient came to me suffering so acutely that he could neither sit nor walk freely, each movement of the body entailing exquisite pain. I have now seen him thoroughly enabled to pursue his usual occupations in happy immunity from these distressing symptoms."

HEREDITARY TRANSMISSION OF MUTILATIONS.

—Dr. C. G. Lockwood, of New York, (*Bos. Med. and Surg. Jour.*) has recently published some interesting results of his experiments on the hereditary transmission of mutilations. White mice were selected on account of their rapid breeding, as they begin to breed when they are thirty days old and breed every thirty days. He bred them in and in for ninety-six generations, destroying all the sickly and defective ones, and in this way obtained a larger and finer animal than the original pair. His experiments in breeding their tails off were done by selecting a pair and putting them in a cage by themselves and clipping the tails of all of the young. When these were old enough to breed he selected a pair, and when they had young, clipped their tails. By continuing this breeding, in the seventh generation he got some young without tails and finally got a perfect breed of tailless mice. By taking one with a tail and one without a tail and alternating the sexes in each generation, he finally again got a breed of all-tailed mice.—

FOR RHUS AND IVY POISONING.—Says Dr. S. B. Stanley in *Times and Reg.*:—A. H., aged sixty years, a laborer, came to my office with an inflammation of the skin of the hands and fore-arms, extending to the middle of the arm. Beginning with lotions of lead-water I tried the most effective remedies for rhus poisoning, which careful inquiry into the patient's habits proved this to be, and was much chagrined to find that nothing gave relief to the itching and burning, or held in check the inflammation. As a *dernier ressort* a strong decoction of chestnut leaves (*Castanea Fagus*) was used, bathing the inflamed part every three or four hours. In twenty-four hours all the distressing symptoms had subsided, and the patient was discharged cured. Since using the above, which