

hour, commencing four hours before bed-time. Of eight inveterate cases in which the disease had existed for several years, and upon which every other remedy and method of treatment had proved futile, every case was completely cured. Several months have elapsed since the treatment, and in no case has there been a relapse, nor have any symptoms of return been noted.

TO STERILIZE INSTRUMENTS WITHOUT DULLING THEM.—Von Bergmann's method.—To render instruments perfectly aseptic, and to preserve the cutting edges from oxidation, (*Med. and Surg. Rev.*) they are boiled for five minutes in a 1 per cent. solution of carbonate of soda. They can remain in this solution indefinitely, without rusting or dulling the cutting edge. When required for operation they are taken out, dried with a sterilized piece of gauze, and handed to the operator. Whenever, in course of the operation, they come in contact with anything not aseptic, all that is required to re-sterilize them, is to dip them for a few seconds into the boiling solution of sodium bicarbonate.

SMART SAYINGS OF DUNCES.—A student (says the *Med. Rec.*) taking the examination before the State Board of Examiners of Virginia for license to practice gave the following startling information: "Symptoms of cedema of the glottis are that the patient feels husky and has sore throat. I would amputate it if necessary. I would do the operation within three or four months if it was a bad case." That is about on a par with the man who said that in post-partum hæmorrhage he would ligate the post-partum artery, or the one who thought that pyelitis was inflammation of the pyloric end of the stomach.

FOR ALCOHOLIC EXCESSES, ETC.—Dr. Hooved (*Cincinnati Lancet and Clinic*) gives the following:

R.—Chloral hydrate,
Potassium bromide, . . . āā 3 iv.
Extract cannabis indica,
Extract hyoscyamus, . . . āā gr. xiv.
Chloroform, . . . 3 ij.
Water (boiling), to . . . O ij.

Dissolve the cannabis in the chloroform, and add the chloral hydrate. Pour on this the boiling water, and then add potassium and hyoscyamus. When

cold, filter. Combined with aromatic spirits of ammonia, we get a safe and efficient remedy for alcoholic excesses and other forms of acute mania in which insomnia, delirium, and like symptoms are manifest.

THE "POTATO CURE."—The potato seems to be taking the place of laparotomy and gastrotomy in removing foreign bodies introduced into the alimentary canal. Several cases have been reported in which screws, nails, pins, etc., have been successfully carried through the alimentary canal of children who had swallowed them accidentally. Potatoes should be fed in large quantities, and as they leave a large residue, the foreign body becomes imbedded in them and passes off on moving the bowels with a mild laxative, on the fifth or sixth day.

PHTHISIS.—Dr. O. P. Bennett, Chicago, reports (*Weekly Med. Review*) several cases of phthisis treated by subcutaneous injections of solutions of iodine and of chloride of gold and soda, and inhalations of chlorine gas. He commenced by giving hypodermic injections of the solution of iodine, equal to one-twentieth of a grain, which was gradually increased to one-sixth of a grain, daily for a week or two, except when symptoms of iodism, disturbance of the alimentary canal, or loss of strength were manifested, when he changed to the chloride of gold and soda solution, which was gradually increased from one-twenty-fourth to one-eighth of a grain. He believes this treatment to be of great benefit in many cases of phthisis, of no benefit in others, while in others it seems to hasten death.

MORPHINISM.—The following is useful in breaking off the habit, modifying it to suit special cases:—

R.—Morph. sulph. or tr. opii, . . q. s.
Fl. ext. viburni prunifol. . . 3 ss.
Elixr. ammoniæ valerianæ, . . 3 iij.
Elixr. sodii. bromidi, (gr. v. to the 3) qs. 3 vi.
Sig.—3i. when required.

The physician must get the confidence of the patient, by assuring him that the substitute employed will absolutely take the place of the drug. W. J. Cottell states in the *Am. Pract. and News*, that he has positively cured over forty cases by this means.