

trouble with stitches, and do not think they should ever require removal. Stones are sometimes impacted in the urethra, whence the simplest mode of dislodgment is a prolonged warm bath, which is often effective alone. In one of my cases a peri-urethral abscess formed, which, when cut down upon, was found to contain the stone; in another the concretion was removed by urethrotomy; in a third it was extracted from the cavernous urethra by supra-pubic cyst-totomy. In the two latter cases retention and dribbling had persisted for some days, and the bladder reached nearly up to the umbilicus.—*Schweigger, in Wiener Medicinische Wochenschrift.*

PRESCRIBING FOR CHILDREN.—From prescribing drugs which they seldom see, practitioners are apt to overlook the nauseousness of the unsuitable bulk and consistence of the

materials they employ. This is of importance in regard to children. Certain flavors which are very unpalatable may be easily disguised, as scammony and castor oil with milk, senna with chloric ether, and decoction of aloes with liquorice. Of certain drugs the saccharine preparation should be selected; to others sugar, or the infusion of roses or cloves, may be added. Bulky powders should be avoided, and the dose of fluids should not exceed one or two drachms. There is a legitimate distinction to be drawn between the medication of children and the medication of adults. To the child the process can hardly fail to be grievous; it never affects his imagination except unfavorably. With the adult the taking of medicine always excites a pleasing hope, and no one can doubt that, in some instances, the mere belief in it is of itself salutary.—*Clinical Medicine.*



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