

# FOR AN ACUTELY INFLAMED RECTUM:

℞ Chloral hydrate grs. xlv-lxxv.

Tannic acid .....grs. xxiv.

Lime water .....Oj.

Sig. One-fourth to one-third of this quantity is to be mixed with  $\frac{3}{4}$  xii. of warm water or thin starch water, and five or six ounces injected into the rectum at a time and retained as long as possible.—*Ewald*.

**LAMINECTOMY FOR SIMPLE FRACTURE.**—Mortality following this operation has been variously estimated at from thirty to fiftypercent. Gallaudet, in the *Annals of Surgery*, January, 1897, says that these percentages are misleading, because the cases are not classified as regards the seat of the

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