

disease is confined to the vagina, by vigorous use of hot-water injections and warm hip baths in the acute stage, and injection of bichloride solution, 1 to 1,000, after the acute stage has subsided. The corrosive sublimate solution should never be used in the acute stage of specific gonorrhœa, but after the acute inflammation has subsided it should be used copiously every few hours till cure is obtained. Perfect quiet is necessary in the acute stage, and is also beneficial in the chronic. Tampons of hydronaphthol and glycerine may also be employed with benefit.

OINTMENT FOR FURUNCLES.—*L'Union Méd.* says, that an ointment composed of $1\frac{1}{2}$ grs. red precipitate to $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce of vaseline, is an excellent application for furuncles. If a styne is to be treated, apply the ointment over the affected part and rub gently. In some persons with a delicate skin, the red precipitate may require to be reduced to $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ a grain. A single application is said to arrest small furuncles. When they are large, several applications made the same day will effect a cure.

THE BEST TWENTY-FIVE DRUGS.—The following list says the *Med. Rec.* has been suggested as representing the "soul of the pharmacopœia": 1, opium; 2, mercury; 3, iodides; 4, quinine; 5, chloroform; 6, ether; 7, sulphate of magnesia; 8, salicylic acid; 9, aloes; 10, alcohol; 11, bromides; 12, iron; 13, chloral; 14, castor oil; 15, digitalis; 16, arsenic; 17, colchicum; 18, ipecac; 19, aconite; 20, strychnia; 21, cocaine; 22, ergot; 23, bicarbonate of potash; 24, mineral acids; 25, nitrites.

NIGHT SWEATS.—Few practitioners, says *Technics*, appreciate the exceedingly great value of agaricin as a remedy in night sweats, especially those of phthisis. The most profuse sweat is checked almost like magic, with a single dose. It operates by diminishing thirst and increasing the secretion of urine. The dose may be pushed to the extent of one grain in the course of twenty-four hours. The single dose for an adult is from one-eighth to one-fourth of a grain.

NEW LOCAL ANÆSTHETIC.—A new local anæsthetic, HAYAP, was lately presented at a meeting

of the Berlin Medical Society. It was brought from Africa in a reddish mass. An aqueous solution caused in fifteen minutes after its instillation into the eye, complete anæsthesia, which lasted from ten to twenty-four hours.

ANTIFEBRIN.—Dr. Theodore Cash, F.R.S., Professor of Therapeutics in Aberdeen University, says, antifebrin is "an antipyretic of the first order," and to be preferred to antipyrin on the following grounds: 1. The smaller dose in which it is operative. 2. The steadier and more continued action. 3. The comparative freedom from danger of causing collapse. 4. Its cheapness, being purchasable in the open market. Its drawbacks are its insolubility and its tendency, to produce in time anæmia, which, however, is very amenable to treatment.

PERNICIOUS ANÆMIA.—Dr. Henry Walds recommends (*Br. Med. Jour.*) B-naphthol in three grain doses every four hours in pernicious anæmia. Dr. William Hunter, he says, concluded after a long and careful investigation that the disease is extensive blood destruction, caused by the action of certain poisonous agents, probably of a cadaveric nature absorbed from the intestines.

INOCULATION OF CANCER.—There is reason to believe that recurrence of cancer may be due to accidental inoculation. Prof. Hahn lately engrafted three portions of skin, infiltrated by cancer upon the opposite breast of a patient suffering from cancer. Shortly afterwards when she died, examination of the breast upon which the grafting had been done, showed cancerous elements present.

CHOREA.—The following is an excellent formula for chorea:

R.—Ac. Arseniosi, gr. ij.
Strychniæ sulph, gr. iv.
Fer. et. ammon. cit., gr. xx.

M.—Et. divide in pil. xx.

S.—One three times a day, after meals.

THE HOG AHEAD.—The *Med. Rec.* says, it is stated that the United States Government has paid more money for the investigation of diseases of the hog, than for all the diseases affecting the human race.