

QUININE AS AN OXYTOCIC.—Dr. E. A. Edlen (writing in *New York Medical Journal*, November 24th) claims that quinine is a good oxytocic. He states that, in uterine inertia, ergot often fails to stimulate contractions. In one case where the pains were poor he had given ergot without results. He then gave eight grains of quinine. In half an hour the pains began in an active manner. He regards quinine as much safer and surer than ergot.

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COD LIVER OIL.—Dr. E. F. Billings, of Boston (*St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal*, November), directs attention to some of the uses of cod liver oil. 1. In wasting diseases it holds a well-merited reputation. Great care must be taken, however, to secure its digestion. The writer is not in favor of the extracts of cod liver oil. 2. In some forms of neuralgia cod liver oil is of the greatest value. When all other remedies have failed, some brilliant triumphs have been obtained by this remedy. When given with extract of wild cherry, extract of malt and syrup of hypophosphites, very excellent toning effects are obtained.

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CONGENITAL ANNULAR STENOSIS OF VAGINA.—Dr. H. N. Vineberg, of New York (*Medical Record*, November 17th), describes a new method of operating on these constricting rings. Instead of making incisions in them and then keeping up dilatation, he incises the mucous member along the entire length of the constricting band. He then dissects out the band. The mucous membrane is carefully replaced and sutured. No dilatation is necessary in this operation. As soon as the mucous membrane has united the result is complete. By this operation, all the constricting tissue is removed. There is much less irritation in this method than that by forced dilatation. When the incision has healed, no rigidity or constriction remains.

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TRICHINOSIS.—Dr. Frank J. Thornbury, of Buffalo (*Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic*, October 13th), reports on five hundred cases of trichinosis in swine. Of these cases, the parasite was found in four hundred; in the loin in two hundred and ninety, in the neck in one hundred and seventy. All three parts were affected in two hundred of the cases; two parts in one hundred and thirty-six cases; and one part in one hundred and sixty-four cases. The diaphragm, therefore, appears to be the favorite point of attack. The trichinæ bore into the muscles in the region of the digestive canal. When the hog was extensively infected they were found in the hams, shoulders, sides and