

around the body where her clothes were fastened to her person. Not having any of the ordinary remedies at hand, except cold water, which *en passant*, is one of the best where it can be properly applied, I mixed hog's lard with *four times* its weight of common bread soda (the bicarbonate), which is used here in the homes of many for mixing with the dough in bread-making, and applied it as a salve to the burned parts, and I never saw a case of the kind do better under any treatment. The wounds were kept well covered with it, and they all healed very nicely without inflammation and with very little suppuration. Indeed, they seemed to *dry up* under it. I shall try it in the future in all similar cases, until I find something better.

**CERVICAL ENDOMETRITIS.**—Boracic acid is highly recommended by Dr. W. H. DeWitt in the treatment of cervical endometritis (*Cinn. Lancet and Clinic*). He cites a case in which, after going through the entire list of remedies used in such cases, he determined to test the value of boracic acid. Moistening a camel's hair pencil and covering it with the powder, it was carried as high up as possible; at the same time the convexity of the neck was also covered with the acid, on account of excoriation. Four days later there was very decided improvement, and the acid was then applied by packing the cervix with it as firmly as admissible. The patient was directed to elevate the hips and remain in that position for two or three hours, in hopes that some of the acid would find its way to the parts above the cervix. In one week, another examination was made, when it was found that all inflammation had disappeared.—*Weekly Med. Record*.

**SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTIONS OF ETHER.**—Dr. C. E. Sheely (*Brit. Med. Jour.*, Nov. 17, 1883) has had good results from its use as a stimulant. The dose is from fifteen minims to half a drachm. He thrusts the needle through the true skin and superficial fascia, and then enters it for about three-quarters of an inch parallel to the surface. He has never seen abscesses result. As ether is a ready solvent of fat, it is advisable to look to the leather packing of the piston of the syringe as soon as possible after using it, and to re-oil it. The ether also attacks the cement used to secure the mouth to the glass barrel, and they will, sooner or later, become loose. Moreover, as it acts upon "celluloid," a syringe made of this material should not be used.—*Med. & Surg. Reporter*.

**A NEW CURE FOR BUNIONS.**—To the New York Pathological Society (New York *Med. Jour.*, Dec. 15, '83) Dr. L. H. Sayre presented some metatarsal bones which had been removed from either foot for bunion. The patient was a man about forty

years of age, in whom the condition of the foot, which had existed for many years, gave rise to much difficulty in walking, and on two occasions had caused suppuration. The metatarsal bone was removed by means of a bone forceps through an incision on the dorsum of the foot. The incision was closed with black silk, the wounds united in less than two weeks, and the patient was now able to get about with comfort and had a movable joint.—*Med. and Surg. Reporter*.

**THE HYPODERMIC SYRINGE.**—Dr. Frank D. Stephens reports in the *Medical Record* that he has had no trouble with his hypodermic syringe since he adopted the method of adjusting a rubber tip to the lower extremity of the syringe. For this purpose he uses the upper two-thirds of a common rubber tip, such as is found on an ordinary medicine-dropper. In this way the syringe is kept airtight, and if care is taken to leave a little liquid in the syringe after using, the packing will remain moist and pliable for a long time.

**LOCAL ANÆSTHESIA.**—According to the *Medical News*, local anæsthesia may be readily produced by applying with a camel's hair brush the following mixture:—

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Camphor,	aa 3 j,
Morph. sulphat.,	3 ss,
Chloroform,	3 j. M.

Sig.—To be applied with a brush to the area to be incised.

"**URSU-OSIS.**"—It is said, and probably with truth, that the year never ended with so many persons made actually sick by the bearish condition of the market. Melancholia, general nervous asthenia, with occasionally sugar in the urine, seem to be the characteristic features of a condition which we may term "ursu-osis." About seventy per cent. of all railroad presidents, ironmen, and buyers on margin are now affected with it.—*Med. Record*.

**A CASE OF DEATH FROM THE INHALATION OF ETHER** occurred at a clinic at Bellevue Hospital recently. The patient was a boy with apparently sound lungs and heart. He was under ether for about an hour and a half when he suddenly ceased to breathe, and all efforts at resuscitation failed.—*Med. Record*.

**A MAN WHO ABSTAINS FROM LIQUOR**, as shewn by insurance tables, at 20 years of age has a chance of living 44.2 years; at 30, 36.5 years; at 40, 28.8 years. An intemperate man's chance at 20 is 15.6 years; at 30, 13.8; at 40, 11.6.