

Pepsin or lactopeptine may also be required—any physician can combine either of these articles with creosote, bismuth, etc., to meet the case or his views. Powdered charcoal with soda or bismuth or magnesia, rhubarb and a little ginger or capsicum often act well, temporarily at least, till the stomach is toned up by other agents; a few drops of oil of cajuput put in sugar often relieves.

PUERPERAL CONVULSIONS.—Charpentier states, *Med Annual*, that if, during pregnancy, there is albumen in the urine, however small the amount, an absolute and exclusive milk diet should be insisted upon from the start. It is, *par excellence* the preventative treatment of eclampsia. If a convulsion occurs, and the patient is vigorous and very cyanotic, she may be bled to the extent of 16 ounces, and then chloral and milk given as soon as possible; if she is not strong, the chloral alone is sufficient. Labor should be allowed to begin spontaneously, and to progress without interference.

ICTHYOL IN PROSTATITIS.—This substance introduced into the rectum by injection or suppository has proved very beneficial in prostatic inflammation, *Rev. Méd.* Amelioration of the symptoms quickly occurs, pain during defecation, urinary uneasiness, etc., disappear, and the gland returns to its normal condition. The suppositories contain about 5 grains ichthyol, and one is used night and morning.

THE VAGUS AND THE SECRETION OF ACID BY THE STOMACH.—Leubuscher and Shafer, *Centralblatt f. Innere Medizin; Med Age*, who are duly corroborated by Pawlow, Schumova and Krehl, have proved by experiments that section of both vagi below the recurrent laryngeal nerves induces waste, loss of appetite and ultimate death. In animals in which such section was performed no free hydrochloric acid was found in the stomach, and the gastric juice exerted little digestive action.

FIFTY-THREE IMMORTALS.—The name of Dr. W. T. G. Morton has been inscribed on the base of the dome of the new chamber of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, along with fifty-two other sons of the State, selected as representing the highest favor of the Commonwealth. It

will be remembered that Dr. Morton was the discoverer of the safe use of ether as an anæsthetic. The honor done his name is none too great, and has been, to say the least, somewhat tardy.

HEADACHE.—Lauder Brunton calculates that 80 to 90 per cent. of all headaches are due to defects of vision (hypermetropia, myopia, astigmatism, disparity in the local distances of both eyes, deficient power of convergence). Ten per cent. are caused by bad teeth and about five per cent. by affections of the nose, ears or scalp, and other factors. The headache of the first group is usually seated in the forehead, the temples or the occiput; where the visual power is not the same in both eyes it frequently attacks the weaker side.

PHENACETINE IN URINARY AFFECTIONS.—Dr. W. Holladay, *La Semaine Méd.*, has employed phenacetine successfully in treating nocturnal incontinence of urine in children, as well as to decrease the frequency of micturition in prostatic subjects, and especially when there is co-existent cystitis. In children the remedy is taken on going to bed, in a dose of four grains; in prostatics one may administer eighteen grains, also on retiring.

PILOCARPINE IN ALCOHOLISM.—In alcoholism, Dr. Josham recommends, *Prov. Med. Jour.*, one-third grain doses of pilocarpine hypodermatically, and declares its "sobering effects are remarkable;" sleep ensues, and the patient wakes up a perfectly rational being. "The tense, red, bloated countenance and bleared, congested condition of the eyes pass away, the features become calm and easy, the skin soft and clear."

"THE DOCTOR."—We have recently received a copy of this now celebrated picture. It is issued by the Arlington Chemical Co., Yonkers, N.Y., and is printed in fourteen different colors, in imitation of oil painting. It is a beautiful thing for office or study, and will be sent to any one sending \$1 to the above Co., including their bright little paper "The Factotum."

HEADACHE.—

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 Ammon. carb., }
 Elix. guaranae, $\bar{\text{I}}$ i.—M.
 Sig.—Teaspoonful every hour until relieved.