

## ICE TO THE ABDOMEN IN TYPHOID FEVER.

At a recent *séance* of the Société Médicale des Hôpitaux, M. Labbé called attention to the efficacy of ice applications to the abdomen in typhoid fever, complicated or not. He related the case of a young girl attacked with typhoid, whose temperature exceeded  $104^{\circ}$ , and who appeared at the last extremity, who, under the influence of this treatment, was perfectly cured. M. Labbé claims for this procedure a considerable lowering of the temperature and a notable amelioration of all the other symptoms.

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At a late meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Dr. Hingston mentioned a case of very rare occurrence. In May, 1867, he had been called by the late Dr. Smallwood to see a French Canadian lady, then aged 63 years, the subject of a large ovarian tumour. He proposed ovariectomy, but the patient declined, but consented to emptying the cyst. This was first done on 13th May, 1867; the quantity removed was four gallons. From that date to the 10th March, 1876, the operation was repeated forty-three times, with an average of four gallons each time. From March, 1876, to August, 1880, she was not operated upon; on 13th August, 1880,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  gallons were removed, and on 25th January, 1881, the last time, six gallons were removed. She died from an attack of indigestion, after eating a very hearty supper, on 30th January, at the age of 81 years. The patient continued in perfect health until the day of her sudden death, and was able to walk several miles. The total number of operations was 46, and the quantity removed was 186 gallons.

Three smaller cysts, weighing in all about 20 pounds, and which had grown within the past three years, were not interfered with.

At the recent meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, Dr. Bessey presented for final inspection the case of Psoriasis Lepraformis of 18 years' standing, treated solely by bovine vaccination. The patient appeared to be perfectly cured, the disease having entirely disappeared, traces in the form of *skin marks* only remaining of what was at first a most inveterate and disagreeable looking case. The patient expressed herself well-pleased with the result.

By the result of this case Dr. Bessey has established the value of vaccination as a valuable agent in the treatment of chronic skin diseases.

## LAWTON'S ABSORBENT COTTON.

Upon the first introduction, a year or two since, of absorbent cotton, the new article attracted much attention, and was eagerly received, especially by Surgeons and Gynæcologists. It was found to answer admirably many of the purposes for which patent lint was formerly employed, in the dressing of wounds, in applying medicated lotions, in soaking up discharges, etc., etc.

By soaking the absorbent cotton in medicated solutions, and subsequently drying it, we may obtain the effects of many local remedies. Thus we may, by using carbolic, boracic or salicylic acid, or Labarraque's solution, make it antiseptic. By saturating it with astringents, we may give it this property in any degree, even carrying it so far as to obtain a most powerful styptic. The article furnished by Wyeth of Philadelphia will be found very fine, on account of the facilities they possess for the manufacture, and the care taken at every step of the process.

"The Medical Faculty in Missouri are taking measures to rid the state of Quacks, with whom it is over-run."

"Three bills have been prepared for legislative action—one providing for the creation of a state board of health; another for regulating the practice of medicine, and the third for the registration of births, deaths and marriages."

"Owing to the enactment of stringent laws regulating medical practice in Illinois and Kansas, Missouri has been crushed with an immigration."