

and one-half grain each; beginning with two pills a day, and gradually increasing to ten. After maintaining the administration of this amount for some time, the number of pills is very gradually decreased, but the remedy is not wholly discontinued until the normal term is reached.—*Med. Review.*

**BLACK EYE.**—There is nothing to compare with a tincture or a strong infusion of capsicum annuum, mixed with an equal bulk of mucilage or gum arabic, and with the addition of a few drops of glycerine. This should be painted over all the bruised surface with a camel's hair pencil, and allowed to dry on, a second or third coating being applied as soon as the first is dry. If done as soon as the injury is inflicted, the treatment will invariably prevent the blackening of the bruised tissue. The same remedy has no equal in rheumatic, sore, or stiff neck.—*Medical Times.*

**ANAL FISSURE.**—Allingham strongly advocates the local use of the following ointment:

R. Hydrarg. subchlor, - - - gr. iv.  
Pulv. opii,  
Ext. belladonnæ - - - aa gr. ij.  
Ung. sambuc - - - - - ʒ j.

M.

S. To be applied frequently.

He states that he has had many cures with this ointment alone. Another excellent ointment recommended by the same authority is:

R. Plumb. acetatis, . . . .  
Zinci oxidi - - - - - aa gr. x.  
Pulv. calaminæ - - - - - gr. xx.  
Adipis benzoinat - - - - - ʒ ss.

M.

An ointment of the oxide of mercury, thirty grains to the ounce, has cured many cases.—*Med. News.*

**ANTISEPTIC POWDER, IMPROVED.**—Cheap but reliable substitutes for these expensive proprietary preparations, as well as for iodoform, however, are always in demand. The following formula is used largely in the hospital wards of a city institution in the treatment of chronic ulcers, suppurating sores, and generally as an iodoform substitute:

R. Salol, powdered . . . . . ʒj.  
Sulphite of zinc, powdered . . . . ʒiiss.  
Benzoin, powdered . . . . . ʒss.  
Purified talcum . . . . . ʒij.  
Oil of fennel . . . . . M xx.

M. et. sig.

—*American Druggist.*

## Miscellaneous.

**RAILWAY SURGERY AT THE PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.**—A section of railway surgery of the Pan-American Medical Congress has been organized, with Dr. C. W. P. Brock, of Richmond, Virginia, as executive president. A full list of officers has been provided for each of the constituent countries. At the eleventh annual meeting of the Wabash Railway Surgical Association—the first organization of the kind—Dr. C. B. Stemen, of Fort Wayne, was by unanimous resolution requested to prepare a paper on "Organized Railway Surgery," and read the same before the section on railway surgery of the Pan-American Medical Congress. At the same meeting, Dr. Hal C. Wyman, of Detroit, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that each member of this association solicit his congressman to interest himself in legislation in favor of the Pan-American Medical Congress."

*The U.S. Pharmacopœia, 1890*, which will be published during 1893, adopts in great measure the *metric system* of weights and measures. This will doubtless create much confusion in the minds of physicians and druggists, and lead to many misunderstandings and errors. In order to provide a guide to the proper dosage, etc., Dr. Geo. M. Gould, author of "The New Medical Dictionary," has prepared a very complete table of the official and unofficial drugs, with doses in both the *metric* and *English* systems. This table is to be published in P. Blakiston, Son & Co.'s physicians' visiting list for 1893, together with a short description of the *metric system*.

THE Messrs. Macmillan & Co. announce that the recently completed edition of Foster's "Text-Book of Physiology," in four parts, is to be supplemented by the issue of an appendix on "The Chemical Basis of the Animal Body," by A. Sheridan Lea, Sc.D., F.R.S. Dr. Lea is Lecturer on Physiology in the University of Cambridge, England.

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