

## TREATMENT OF GONORRHOEA.

A very eminent surgeon, writing in the *British Medical Journal*, says the directions now given as to injections by many is, "let it go as far as you can, and remain as long as you will." Orchitis and stricture are the results, not of injections but neglected claps. Great reliance is to be placed in injections of chloride of zinc—two grains to the ounce, aided by purges. Copaiba is of no great value; and injections will generally cure in a week or 14 days. Injections in claps, like lotions in ophthalmia, should be stronger, just in proportion as the inflammation runs high, and we need not wait till the inflammatory stage is subdued, but use them at once and very frequently.

## CATHETER FOR RETAINING IN THE BLADDER.

Mr. Barnard Holt has devised a catheter with wings, made of vulcanised India-rubber, which prevents its slipping out of the bladder, and thus dispenses with the use of tapes, &c.

The nitrite of amyl is advocated by Drs. Anstie and Brunton as a remedy for the paroxysm of angina pectoris, and probably for all symptoms dependent upon arterial spasm. It is administered by inhalation, either of a few drops on a handkerchief, or from the vial itself. Its physiological action is speedily produced, and is manifested by flushing of the face and amplification of the pulse. The sphygmograph shows that it diminishes arterial tension by direct relaxation of the muscular coats of the vessels. Dr. Anstie has suggested its probable efficacy in all spasm of involuntary fibre, especially in colicky affections, adding, however, a caution against its use in cases where, from incipient degeneration of the minute cerebral arteries, a tendency to apoplexy may exist.

Doubtful as are all "cures" of tetanus, and cautious as we should be of building hope upon a single case, we may add that a recovery from traumatic tetanus under this remedy is reported in the *Lancet*, by Mr. Foster. The patient was made to inhale five drops on each occurrence of a spasm; and whether a lasting and curative effect be ascribed to it or not, there seems no doubt of its immediate palliative action.

Sir Dominic Corrigan recommends, in incontinence of urine in little boys, smearing the cup of the prepuce, slightly retracted, with collodion at bed-time. A fortnight's use of this means is generally effectual.

A correspondence of the *Lancet* writes in praise of hydrate of chloral given at Dr. Aitken's suggestion, to allay the itchiness attendant on the eruption of scarlatina.