

POST-DIPHTHERITIC PARALYSIS.—Dr. G. T. Mundorff, *Medical Record*, July 27, states that he had a very severe case of post-diphtheritic paralysis to treat. Following Dr. Seibert's suggestion he gave an injection of 750 units above the right rectus abdominalis. There was very little constitutional disturbance. This was on 4th March. The patient began to improve. On 13th March another injection of 1,000 units was given. From this there was rapid improvement.

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ACUTE PELVIC PERITONITIS.—J. M. Baldy writes on the treatment of acute pelvic peritonitis in the *Polydnic*. He recommends rest in bed, functional rest by means of a soft vaginal tampon, if necessary, and depletion by magnesium sulphate in teaspoonful doses each hour until the bowels move. The pain produced by the increased peristalsis may be relieved, for the time, by morphine. Depletion by a hot douche (a warm one is harmful) is also beneficial. The ordinary antipyretics do harm.

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SERUM TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.—Dr. Paul Paquin, in the *New York Medical Journal*, June 6th, remarks that in his experience the use of the serum improves the quality of the blood. There is rapid increase in the number of red globules. The fever is abated, and the patient gains in weight rapidly. Tubercular abscesses heal. The bacilli disappear under the treatment. The report of cases given is very encouraging. Every one of the cases had been proven to be tubercular by the presence of the bacilli. The dose of the serum varies from five to ten minims upwards daily.

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NURSING.—In a paper on nursing, read at the Superintendent's Convention, Philadelphia, Mrs. L. W. Quintard holds that no nurse should consider her knowledge complete unless she is able, in her private work, to pass the male catheter. She should, if called upon, be prepared to dress abdominal wounds, case of supra-pubic lithotomy, inguinal hernia, and of hip-joint disease. It may not always be necessary, but where it is a question of an untrained nurse or an untrained orderly, the nurse is the proper one to do it. In caring for the sick, as far as possible, sex and self must be forgotten. In their weakness men appeal to nurses as children, and the motherliness inherent in every true woman's nature responds to their cry for help, and it is given without any regard to their relation, except as patient and nurse.