

patients for treatment, information will be gladly furnished by communicating with the Mother Superior. We confidently predict for the hospital a grand and useful future.

EXTRA-UTERINE FŒTATION.—The successful treatment of a case of extra-uterine foetation by means of electricity, is reported by Dr. Gardner (*Can. Med. and Surg. Journal*, Aug.). A strong Faradic current was applied. One electrode—an olive-shaped insulated metallic bulb, covered with chamois leather—was introduced into the rectum. The other—an ordinary sponge electrode—was applied over the tumor in the hypogastrium. The applications were of seven minutes duration, and repeated for some time daily. On the second day exfoliation of the decidual membrane of the uterus took place, accompanied with a bloody discharge. The tumor presented symptoms of inflammation, and suppuration was at one time anticipated, but did not take place. The patient made an excellent recovery.

REMOVAL OF PLASTER BANDAGE.—Dr. Krosz (*Deut. Med. Zeitung*), says that the removal of a plaster-of-Paris dressing is greatly facilitated by first scraping a groove with a knife and then dropping along it a solution of caustic soda. In a few moments the plaster becomes pulpy along this line, and the bandage can then easily be cut through. If two lateral grooves be made, instead of one, a lid can be cut out of the bandage, the leg can be lifted up for the necessary inspection and returned, the lid being reapplied and retained with a roller bandage. In this way the plaster dressing is not cracked and the limb is not jolted in the efforts to remove the bandage. By this method, also, it is a very easy matter to cut any fenestra that may be needed.

IPECACUANHA IN HEMOPTYSIS.—According to Dr. Bartholow ipecacuanha is a "remarkable physiological remedy" for hemoptysis. He combines it with ergot in equal quantities, using five minims of the fluid extract of each drug for a dose. This is repeated as frequently as the urgency of the case may seem to require.

ERGOT IN NIGHT-SWEATS.—Prof. DaCosta (*Col. & Clin. Record*) says that in the treatment of the night-sweats of phthisis ergot is preferable to

atropine, being more permanent in its effects, and does not produce the dryness of the throat which so frequently follows the administration of atropine. He recommends two grains of ergotin thrice daily, the last dose to be given at bed time.

THE PANAMA CANAL.—Dr. W. Nelson, late of Panama, read a paper before the Natural History Society of Santa Barbara, Cal., in which he stated his belief that the canal was a commercial impossibility. It will cost \$400,000,000 to complete it and no existing tonnage would pay interest on the investment. The death rate among the canal men has been appalling owing to intense malarial poisoning and yellow fever. Owing to the large amount of sickness, a vast system of hospitals has been erected at Panama, costing upwards of two and a quarter million dollars.

SUCCESSFUL TRANSPLANTATION OF THE RABBIT'S EYE.—A case of enucleation of the human eye and transplantation of the rabbit's eye is reported by Dr. H. N. Bradford in the *Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*, Sept. 17. The patient was 35 years of age. It is stated that the transplanted globe contracted adhesions and circulation was established. Of course there was no vision, but the æsthetic effect was very good, much better than that of an artificial eye.

REDUCED IRON IN ANÆMIA.—Dr. Martin of Sheffield, Eng., has been experimenting with reduced iron in the treatment of anæmia, and thinks that it is one of the most powerful remedies which we possess in restoring the condition of the blood, in all anæmic states. He gives the ferri redactum in the form of pill combined with extract of nux vomica, three grains of the former to $\frac{1}{2}$ grain of the latter. The results have been very satisfactory.

FAREWELL PRESENTATION.—The officers and attendants of the Asylum for Insane, London, presented Dr. Millman with an address, accompanied with a valuable gold watch, on the eve of his departure for Kingston, to assume the duties of Asst. Supt. in the Rockwood Asylum, to which he has been recently appointed. The Dr. carries with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances in London and elsewhere.

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