

## Miscellaneous.

### SIMPLE METHOD OF COUNTING RAPID PULSE.

—Dr. A. W. Abbott, of Minneapolis, advises in the *New York Medical Record* the following simple method of counting a pulse too rapid to be taken in the ordinary way: "During a definite part of a minute, one-fourth usually, with a common lead pencil dots are made upon a sheet of paper *synchronous with the heart beats*, as heard over the cardiac region. The dots are then counted, and the number calculated for the whole minute."

### DIAGNOSIS OF UTERINE DISEASE BY THE LARYNGOSCOPE.

—Dr. Seiler was consulted by a young girl with general relaxation of the mucous membrane of the throat, which he concluded to be due to uterine disease, for which he advised her to put herself under the treatment of her family physician, as local treatment of the throat would be of no use to her. Her reply was: "Doctor, if I had known that you could see all the way down I would not have come to you."—*Maryland Med. Jour.*

### TO TEST FOR IODINE IN THE URINE.

—After dressing wounds freely with iodoform, iodine frequently appears in the urine. The *Bulletin Générale de Thérapeutique* gives the following simple test: A little chloroform is added to the suspected urine in a test tube. One or two drops of nitric acid are added and the mixture shaken. Iodine will be set free, and dissolve in the chloroform, and be found in the bottom of the test tube, presenting a beautiful violet colour.—*N. Carolina Med. Jour.*

### POMADE IN COMEDO.—Unna.

—Kaolin, four parts; glycerine, three parts; acetic acid, two parts. Mix with or without a small quantity of etherized oil—apply the ointment every evening, and even during the day, keeping the eyes closed during the inunction. In a few days the comedones will be easily expelled, most of them by simple soap and pumice stone frictions. The same results may be obtained by long-continued paintings with vinegar, lemon juice, or dilute hydrochloric acid.—*L'Union Med.*

INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION RELIEVED BY MASSAGE.—Dr. Bitterlin reports a case of intestinal occlusion accompanied with much pain, vomiting of fecaloid matter, hiccough continuing in spite of treatment for eight days, finally relieved by kneading and malaxation of the belly. The manipulation was very painful. Some instants after, violent colic came on and gurglings, the bowels shortly afterwards moved and the patient recovered. Dr. Bitterlin mentions a second case in which he was called in consultation, where the same treatment was followed by the same happy results.—*L'Union Medical.*

M. Littré found rest, of a sort, in Comtism; Charles Darwin found rest in the faith of nature's God; not the inner, reflected, receipt of the Deity, which M. Pasteur described as the "enthusiasm"—or God within,—but the Unknown, because undiscovered, God the cause and Creator, which the temple of Nature, as Darwin saw and worshipped in it, denotes and requires, wherein the innermost and most mysterious chamber is filled with a cloud that veils and yet reveals the Presence towards which the human consciousness in its abiding sense of incompleteness yearns. No more wonderful and inexplicable fact has challenged the scrutiny of thoughtful minds during the last twenty years than the failure to recognize that the postulate of evolution is creation. *Ex nihilo nihil fit*, or if any one regards that as a mere platitude, he cannot deny that to *evolve* any organism, however simple, from matter which has not previously been organized, is impossible. The primæval germ of nature is a necessity of the hypothesis of evolution. Charles Darwin felt this to be the fact, and he was not an Atheist, a Materialist, or an Unbeliever.—*London Lancet.*

A SHORT time ago Miss Frances Power Cobbe, who has so identified herself with the cause of anti-vivisection, called on a distinguished man of science in London to endeavor by persuasive speech and viva voce argument to gain him over to her cause. Three points were observable in Miss Cobbe's outward presentment, namely, she had an ostrich feather in her bonnet, a bird of paradise on or