

lutions of the intestines. A small mass of chewing gum was found in the appendage opposite the ulceration, and had, apparently by its impaction, caused the irritation.—[*Ed. Dom. Med. Jour.*]

#### Ether Spray in Cases of Hernia.

Mr. Marsh, of Littlemore, gives the following instance of the value of this method of treatment. A man, about fifty years of age, and insane, complained that his rupture was down. On former occasions it had been returned, though with difficulty, by the ordinary means. The time, being more refractory than usual, it became necessary to do something more. At Mr. Sankey's suggestion the ether spray was applied, with complete success. Under its influence the swelling steadily lessened, and the gut was returned by the fingers with the greatest ease. The man complained very much of the burning of the spray. This, Mr. Marsh thinks, might be counteracted, and the return of the protrusion aided by the simultaneous induction of partial or complete general anaesthesia.—*Practitioner.*

#### Female Medical Education.

The Faculty of the University of Edinburgh has completed the arrangements for enabling females to study medicine. Separate classes for males and females have been formed, and five women have already presented themselves for examination for matriculation. A female medical society, under the presidency of the Earl of Shaftesbury, has been established in London, with the objects of providing educated women with proper facilities for learning the necessary branches of medicine and of promoting the employment of female physicians for the treatment of the diseases of women and children.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*

#### Ipecacuanha.

Ipecacuanha exerts a power over all diseased mucous membranes in checking profuse secretions. It is especially useful in spasmodic coughs, attended with a profuse mucous expectoration and vomiting. It also has a direct action upon the stomach in cases of obstinate sympathetic retching or vomiting, without primary disease of the stomach. In these cases it must be given in very small doses frequently repeated.—*Braithwaite.*

#### Opium.

*Its Action upon the Uterus.*—The action of opium upon the uterus, is to stimulate contraction of the fibres of the body of the uterus, whilst it relaxes those of the os. Opium, although it may relieve false pains never can and never did, arrest a physiological labour. This action of opium may be made of service, when the os uteri refuses to dilate, notwithstanding the regular occurrence of pains. In placenta-prævia, opium not only acts as a hæmostatic, but it facilitates dilatation, and thus shortens the period of the greatest danger, and also promotes the expulsive power of the uterus. It may be administered with advantage in ordinary

cases of labour, instead of ergot; and when the placenta is detained, owing to hour-glass contraction of the womb, it will be found to relieve the irregular contraction, and cause expulsion of the after-birth.—*Braithwaite.*

#### How to Mask the Bitter Taste of Epsom Salt.

The following is the formula for an ordinary dose of an ounce: Sulphate of Magnesia, 30 parts; ground coffee, 100; water, 700; boil for ten minutes in an untinned vessel. The coffee may be boiled with the salt or it is of no avail; a grain or two of tannin whilst boiling will add to the effect. Remove from the fire, let it stand ten minutes, thoroughly infuse, and strain. Sweeten to taste and drink it either hot or cold, as desired.—*Braithwaite.*

#### A Remedy in Hemiplegia.

Dr. A. H. Smith, Philadelphia (*Am. Jour. Obstetrics*), speaks very highly of ammon. iunior in 15 grain doses, repeated every two hours, in hemiplegia.—*Med. Record.*

—As a therapeutic agent, hydrate of chloral is a sedative of violent pain in gout; of the atrocious sufferings occasioned by nephritic colic, and dental caries; in a word, it is the very best of anaesthetics administered through the stomach. Lastly, it is the quickest and most efficacious remedy in tetanus chorea, when it is required to abate speedily a condition of restlessness, which is in itself a peril to the life of the patient.—*Lancet.*—*Practitioner.*

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