

Jottings.

TO RELIEVE PAIN AND KEEP BURNS FROM SCARRING.

After washing the surface of the burn by allowing a solution of 1 drachm of common soda dissolved in a pint of tepid water to run from a sponge over the surface, apply the following prescription :—

R Bismuthi subnitratiss..... 1 drachm.
Vaselini..... 1 ounce.
Acidi carbolici..... 5 minims.

This added thickly and covered with a light dressing will relieve pain instantly. (*Journal of the American Medical Association.*)

VERTICAL HEADACHE.

For the flushings and vertical headaches of women, Dr. Bulkley prescribes :—

R Diluted nitric acid..... 1 drachm.
Water..... 2 ounces.

M. Sig.: Teaspoonful in a wineglassful of water three times a day. (*Merck's Archives.*)

Olive oil in large doses, twelve to sixteen ounces daily in cases of cholelithiasis, will often remove the stones.

The objectionable excessive perspiration of the feet can be stopped by bathing them with a little formaldehyde in the water.

An ordinary felon, boil or carbuncle may often be aborted by applying to the area sterile gauze soaked in oil of cedar. Before applying, thoroughly scrub and sterilize the skin with hot bichloride solution, 1 to 100. Cedar oil is rapidly absorbed, and I have not yet known it to fail to abort such local inflammation in twenty-four to forty-eight hours. If fluctuation can be elicited, it is wise to make a deep incision before applying the oil.

The Colonial Office has appointed Mrs. Hamilton Williams, M.B., B.S., to be one of the special service medical officers of the Ashanti force. She has distinguished herself greatly as Prideaux Scholar at the London School of Medicine for Women, and as the winner of the County Council research scholarship last year. We believe that Mrs. Williams is the first woman to occupy such a position in the British service.