

the disease may be raging in the town in which the prison is situated. He claims that the local health board should be notified of cases of influenza just the same as in cases of scarlet fever or diphtheria, and that laws should be passed making such notification compulsory.—*Medical Record*.

In the clinic, for a case of *chronic Bright's disease*, in a woman aged fifty years, in which the prognosis was unfavorable, Prof. DaCosta gave, as palliative treatment: *To control the waste of albumin*, one drop of nitro-glycerin, one per cent. solution, and increased to grt. v, three times daily. *For the anæmia*: Ferri sulphas, 3 grains three times daily in pill. The diet to be as nearly as possible of milk, skimmed milk preferable on account of the disturbed state of her digestion. Patient might have green vegetables, fruit, fish, and oysters; the indication being to guard against nitrogenous foods.—*College and Clinical Record*.

MENTHOL FOR CHAPPED HANDS.—The following is recommended in the *Journal des Maladies Cutanées et Syphilitiques*:

R.—Menthol	0.75
Salol	1.50
Olei olivar	1.50
Lanolini	45.00

M.

Sig.—Apply once or twice daily.

The pain disappears after the first application, the skin is softened, and the fissures disappear very shortly. It is necessary, however, to continue the applications regularly for some time.—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*

FOR FETID BREATH.—The following is recommended in the *Revue Générale de Clinique et de Thérapeutique* for the above:

R.—Saccharin,	
Acid. salicylic.	
Natri bicarbonate, aa	gr. xv.
Alcoholis	ʒj.
Ol. menth. pip	gtt. x.

M.

Sig.—A teaspoonful in a wine-glassful of warm water, to be used as a gargle once or twice daily.—*St. Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*

M. FAY, in the *Wiener Med. Blatter*, praises the beneficent action of sodium salicylate in the treatment of nephritic colic. He declares that under its influence the calculi are rapidly eliminated and the patients restored to health. If true, this is indeed a boon to suffering humanity, as few tortures are so acute as those of renal colic, and none have hitherto been more rebellious to treatment. Sodium salicylate has also been highly recommended in hepatic colic.—*Med. and Surg. Rep.*

THE following is recommended by a French writer as very efficacious in the relief of chronic prostatitis:

R.—Iodoform	gr. xx.
Olive-oil	ʒij.
Cocoa butter	q. s.

Divide into twenty suppositories, one to be inserted at bedtime.—*N. Y. Med. Record*.—*Cincinnati Lancet Clinic*.

MALE-FERN is not an entirely harmless remedy, though long in use, and one of the best of anthelmintics. Dr. Eich does not favor the usual method of giving the drug fasting, since when the stomach is empty the absorption of the toxic principles into the general system is facilitated and poisonous symptoms may occur. Several fatal cases of poisoning are reported. The ethereal extract contains poisons which act upon the central nervous system, a tetano toxin or tetanus-producing body playing an important role. The dose of ten grains or two and a half drachms should not be exceeded.—*Med. Record*.

ANTIPIRYN ASTHENOPIA.—A writer in *The Lancet* relates a case of impairment of vision for distant objects coming on rather suddenly in a man, æt. 32, who had been using antipyrin pretty steadily for several months. The writer is inclined to put the blame for the impaired vision upon the antipyrin, and asks if any others have seen a similar effect from the use of the drug for long periods.

PHOTOPHOBIA, with dilatation of the pupil, is said by Huguin to be an early diagnostic sign in pertussis before the whooping stage comes on.