

Cough Mixture.—R.—Muc. Gum. Acacie; Syr. Tolu; Syr. Scille, Syrp. Ipecac, aa oz. vj; Tinc. Belladen. oz. ij; Tinc. Lobelia oz. iij; Tinc. Colchici oz. iss; Vel. Tinc. Sem. Colchici oz. i. Spts. Nitre Dulci oz. iij. Dose, a teaspoonful every 3 hours.

Nervous Cordial.—R.—Quassia, Rasped, lb. iiss.; Rad. Valeriana, lbs. iiss.; Artemisia Absinth. lbs. ij.; Rad. Serpentaria, lbs. iiss.; Aq. Bulliet; Cong. vj. M. fr infusion, and add Tinct. Gentiana; C. Cong. ivss; Strychine, grs. cxx.; Acid Acetic oz. iss; Tinct. Santal, oz. viij. M. Dose, a table-spoonful 3 times a day.

PERISCOPE.

On the inutility of depletion in syphilitic iritis. By JOHN HAMILTON,—
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"I believe that in the treatment of syphilitic iritis, even the most acute cases, all that is necessary to be done is to administer mercury properly suited to the constitution of the patient, and the nature of the case, and till full salivation; and the application of the extract of belladonna round the eye, or of the solution of atropine in the eye. I totally disagree with those authors—Mr. Tyrrell for instance—who recommend, in cases where the patient is broken down, to administer tonics, &c., till he is able to bear the mercurial course, the real fact being, that the best tonic is the mercury, combined with opium, which by expelling a depressing poison from the system, invigorates it, at the same time that it arrests the ravages of a destructive specific disease; whereas, while waiting for the effects of tonics and diet, the eye may be lost. There could not be apparently more feeble or depressed subjects than No. 3, Mary Byrne, or No. 4, John Callaghan, particularly the latter, who was literally nothing but skin and bone, with a pale sallow face, contrasting with the large red tubercles with which it was studded, and so weak he could scarcely stand; yet under the beneficial action of the mercury, while the eye was saved, his flesh, strength, and complexion, all became rapidly restored, so that in his last letter to me, he describes himself, in language more remarkable for strength than orthography, "as strong as a horse, and as fat as a wheel!"

Many surgeons do not deplete, but the large majority still do, by leeches and cupping, rarely, I believe, in this country, by venesection, as recommended by Mr. Mackenzie. During fourteen years, a very large number of cases of syphilitic iritis have been under my care in the Richmond Hospital, and I have only cupped in one case; and with my present experience, I am sure if that case presented itself now, I should not do so. It is one of those practical questions best decided by facts. I have there-