

present. He would not care to attempt it under cocaine; he preferred ether. With regard to hernia he makes his incisions not larger than an inch, though at first he used to make them three and a half inches. He had no experience as to its effects on pregnancy, but other operators had reported cases in which pregnancy had gone on to full term. He did not think that the other methods of shortening the ligaments, recently advocated by Wiley and Polk, could compare with Alexander's.

Dr. Laphorn Smith read a communication from Dr. Joseph Price, of Philadelphia, stating that the largest run of abdominal sections without a death was 146.

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MENTHOL IN ASTHMA.

Dr. Jones, *Therap. Monats*, recommends the use of a 20 per cent. solution of menthol in olive oil in asthmatic attacks.

LOTION FOR ABRASIONS OF THE GENITALS.

The following is strongly recommended:—Dissolve in a pint of hot water two drachms of borax and add twenty drops of essence of peppermint.

FOR CLEANING OFF SMEGMA.

For cleaning off smegma, and greasy applications used in treating balanitis and similar conditions, there is nothing equal to benzin. The application is painless and it cleans the surface without rubbing. It also seems to have a curative effect upon ulcerations.

TREATMENT OF CHRONIC CYSTITIS.

Chronic cystitis has been treated with great success by Dr. V. Mosetig-Moorhof, of Vienna, with iodoform injections. His method of treatment is as follows:

The bladder having been previously irrigated with moderately hot water, an injection of the following emulsion should be made:

R. Iodoform, 50 parts.
Glycerine, 40 "
Distilled water, 10 "
Tragacanth gum, $\frac{1}{2}$ part.—M.

Sig.—One tablespoonful to a pint of lukewarm water, well stirred, for one injection. Injections should be made every third day.—*Medical News*.

MYALGIA.

R. Antipyrin,
Quin. sulph.....āāñiss.
M.—Fiat pulvres ten. Sig.—Three per diem,
dividing the time.

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PITYRIASIS CAPITIS [DANDRUFF].

Dr. H. Guéneau de Mussy recommends the following lotion in pityriasis of the scalp:—

R. Ammoniaë muriatis... 0.60 gramme [gr. ix].
Glycerinaë puræ..... 30.00 grammes [3j].
Aquaë rosæ125.00 grammes [5iv].
Mix. Dissolve.

—*L'Union Médicale, Satellite*.

TREATMENT OF BURNS OF THE FACE.

Christopher Heath recommends *Lancet* the following for superficial burns of the face.

Collodion.....1 part.
Castor oil..... 2 parts.

This mixture, while it does not set as firmly as collodion, sets sufficiently to protect the part from the air, which Mr. Heath considers is the great point.—*Canada Lancet*.

SALICYLATE OF SODIUM AS AN ANTISEPTIC.

There is no safer or better intestinal antiseptic than salicylate of soda. Two or three grains in water, every two or three hours, will thoroughly disinfect and cleanse the stomach, and by checking decomposition, will be of material service in arresting some forms of diarrhoea.—*Medical World*.

XANTHOMA PALPEBRARUM.

Dr. Stern recommends the application of 10 per cent. corrosive sublimate solution to the parts. A gray excoriation forms on the following day, which falls off and soon heals over. Under its action the color of the xanthoma disappears, and the same natural, flesh-like tone of color as the neighboring parts appears.—*Albany Medical Annual*.

A CONVENIENT DISINFECTANT.

Take:
Parafin, 9½ parts.
Iodine, 1 part.
Salicylic acid, 2 parts.

This mixture made into pastilles produces iodine and carbolic acid when burnt, and will both deodorize and disinfect the sick room.—*St. Louis Med. Review*.