

CLASS-ROOM NOTES.

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The three striking symptoms resulting from acute inversion of the uterus are pain, shock and hemorrhage. (Parvin.)

Dr. Nancrede advises the use of the urethrotome in stricture of the urethra only when the stricture is in the penile portion of the urethra.

For a case of chorea in a girl ten years of age, Dr. Stewart ordered three-drop doses of Fowler's solution three times a day, combined with regulation of diet and plenty of open-air exercise.

Sometimes an infant's tongue can be exposed to view by simply pressing the cheeks gently with the thumb and finger. If necessary, hold the nose for a moment and the tongue will come in sight. (Parvin.)

Dr. J. C. Da Costa prefers silk ligatures to any other form in operations upon lacerated cervix, as strong and never causing serious effects. In one case the suture accidentally remained six weeks without any evil results.

When iodine or iodides are to be administered for a long time, certain precautions must be observed to prevent iodism, as occasional intermission of the drug, the use of eliminants, as large draughts of water, or combined with such drugs as atropine. (Bartholow.)

During pregnancy hypertrophy and dilatation of heart are common, but transitory; the kidneys become more active, especially the watery portions, and sometimes in the latter part of pregnancy a little albumen appears in urine; a little sugar need not cause alarm if there is no renal disturbance. (Parvin.)

Prof. Da Costa prescribed for a case of chronic gastritis due to excessive use of alcohol, accompanied by morning vomiting, pain in epigastrium and flatulency:—

R Zinci oxidi,.....gr. ij
Ext. belladonnæ,.....gr. 1-16
Ft. pil. j,.....M.
Sig.—One three times a day.

Dr. Hearne ordered a patient affected with tinea versicolor to scrub the affected skin with the following mixture:—

R Saponis viridis,.....3 ij
Acid. carbolic,.....3 ij
Alcohol,.....f3 iv. M.

After which apply—

R Sodii sulphitis,.....3 ss

Glycerini,f3 ss
Aquæ,.....q. s. ad f3 viij. M.

In the first stage of hip disease pain and swelling are absent and the patient does not complain; the second stage is the result of an injury, which may be slight and even unnoticeable, but an injury has been received in some form or other; the third and last stage is the destruction of the parts. Do not attempt to move the hip joint if it is stiff; if you do, you will do harm. (Dr. Allis.)

The prognosis of fatty heart is unfavorable for a cure, but if there is no strain upon the organ, it can be benefited by treatment. Diet does not materially injure, but should be good and nourishing. Stimulants are the best treatment, given with meals in small quantities. Digitalis does not do very much good, but strychnine is valuable; also small doses of nitro-glycerin. (Da Costa.)

Prof. Bartholow recommends the iodides as among the best remedies for beginning cirrhosis, often adding arsenic to the prescription, whereby the efficiency of the iodide is increased:—

R Ammon. iodidi,.....3 j
Liq. potas. arsenitisf3 ss
Tinct. colombæ,.....f3 ss
Aquæ,f3 iss. M.

Sig.—One teaspoonful three time a day, before meals.

The ligatures used in Jefferson Hospital are prepared by taking ordinary catgut, immersed in alcohol containing one per cent. corrosive sublimate and five per cent. tartaric acid for one hour. From this solution, immediately place in oil of juniper berries, where it must remain at least ten days before ready for use. When wanted for use, wipe the gut with a towel wrung out of a solution of bichloride of mercury, 1-1000, and place it in a similar solution, to which has been added twenty per cent. of alcohol; the alcohol prevents untwisting and swelling.

When carcinoma of cervix uteri has reached such a stage that it is unadvisable to operate. Prof. Parvin advises the use of antiseptic injections, preferably a solution of permanganate of potassium, in the proportion of one drachm of the salt to one pint of water, and used twice a day; for the hemorrhage use tampon and saturated solution of alum, and at the same time cotton root or ergot internally; for pain give opium, and enough to subdue it.