

asthma; but that this is not always the case, for sometimes the change requires to be to a purer air. The rules for these differences are arbitrary and inscrutable.

That probably there is no case of asthma that might not be cured, were the right atmosphere for it only to be found.

That locality, alone, appears to be adequate to produce the disease; and, consequently, that many persons would become asthmatic were they to live in other places.

That possibly, there is no case of asthma but that might be cured, were the right air only to be found for it.

And that, from the caprice of asthma, previous results are often deranged.

Next follows the hygienic treatment; and, finally, we have a very complete chapter on prognosis, and some capital reports of eleven interesting cases, with a table of 44 others, in which the causes, peculiarities, and modes of treatment are briefly stated. Any one who would understand asthma thoroughly in half an hour, we say—let him study this table.

In conclusion, we only wish that every future work we review may prove as pleasant and instructive to us.

To Correspondents.

Sarsaparilla Syrup.—Dissolve one drachm oil lemon. 10 drops oil wintergreen, and 20 drops oil sassafras, in an ounce of alcohol; put the mixture into a gallon of simple syrup, and add half a pint of burnt sugar previously dissolved in a little water, and 3 drachms citric or tartaric acid, and shake well. When desired for soda water, one drachm of the acid will be sufficient. The receipt for the burnt sugar can be found in the July number of the *Lancet*.

General Trigg's Hair Mixture.—Milk of sulphur, 2 drachms; acetate of lead, 1 drachm; rose water, half pint. Rub the powders together in a mortar, adding the rose water little by little. It is an excellent prescription for preserving the hair, when its loss depends upon heat of the scalp. It likewise has the property of gradually darkening the hair, but this requires weeks of constant application, during which time the hair, previously washed with soap and water, must be kept free from all oils or pomades. The bottle is to be shaken before using.

Thompson's Composition.—Pulv. bayberry bark, 16 oz.; pulv. hemlock bark, 8 oz.; pulv. ginger, 8 oz.; pulv. Cayenne pepper, 2 oz.; pulv. cloves, 2 oz. Mix well. Dose: a teaspoonful in half a teacupful of hot water, sweetened and drank warm on going to bed. It is employed with much benefit in cases of obstructed perspiration from cold.

Preparation of Lard.—Hæsel den remarks that the flare or leaf lard, as it comes from the animal, should be cut into small pieces, taking off as much of the skin as possible; it should next be well washed by rubbing it with the hands in cold water; it is then to be put into an earthen vessel and melted in a water bath; as soon as it becomes heated to the consistence of cream, it should be strained and put into very small jars. He says that the less heat that is employed in its preparation the better.

Ointments.—In preparing ointments, the ingredients should be melted with as little heat as possible; wax or spermaceti should be reduced to thin shavings, and melted before adding the oil or lard, and the heating afterwards continued by placing the vessel over another containing hot water. When reduced to a liquid state, it must not be allowed to cool too rapidly, and should be stirred constantly as it is getting stiff.

Medical Works published in Great Britain from the 15th November, to the 31st December, 1863, with their sizes, numbers of pages, publishers' names, and prices in sterling.

Apjohn (James)—Manual of the Metalloids. 12mo., pp. 592, 7s. 6d. (Longman.)

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MacLachlan (Daniel)—A Practical Treatise on the Diseases and Infirmities of Advanced Life. 8vo., pp. 788, 16s. (Churchill.)

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A Manual on Extracting Teeth. By A. Robertson, M.D. post, 8vo., pp. 198. Lindsay & Blackiston, 1863. From 2 Publishers.

Camp Diseases of the United States Armies. By J. J. Woodward, M.D., Asst. Surg. U. S. A., large 8vo., pp. 304. J. R. Lippincott & Co., 1863. From the Publishers.

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In this city, on the 19th ultimo, Horace Nelson, Esq. M.D., aged 42 years; eldest son of the late Dr. Wolfe Nelson.

At his residence, Holyrood House, Great Malver, England, on the 24th ultimo, Francis Badgley, Esq., M.A. a native of Montreal, and for several years an eminent physician of this city and Toronto.

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