

Correspondence.

COCAINE SPRAY IN SPASMODIC AND INFLAMMATORY CROUP.

MR. EDITOR—Permit me to add another instance of the value of cocaine to the already large list of diseases in which its use is of such advantage. During the past two months a 4 per cent. solution, administered by means of a Millards' atomizer, has given me very much satisfaction in the treatment of spasmodic and inflammatory croup among children. Its sedative effects are immediate and gratifying, its astringent property is just what we desire, and its administration easier than that of any other remedy given in any way other than by spraying. In diphtheria the following was prescribed, with much local benefit: Sol. cocaine 4 per cent. $\bar{3}$ j, listerine $\bar{3}$ j. Use with atomizer every one, two, or three hours. Just at this time of the year it is hoped that this may be of some service to your many readers.

Yours, etc.,

J. E. WHITE.

Book Notices.

The "*Don't Forget It Calendar*," 1888.

This is a most useful calendar for daily engagements, and a ready reference to the past; neat and useful. Price, 20 cents. New York: E. B. Treat, 771 Broadway.

Sexual Impotence in the Male and Female. By WILLIAM HAMMOND, M.D. Pp. 305. Detroit: George S. Davis.

A *Complete Handbook of Treatment*; arranged as an Alphabetical Index of Diseases. By WM. AITKEN, M.D., F.R.S. Edin. Edited with Notes and Additions by A. D. Rockwell, A.M., M.D. Pp. 444. New York: E. B. Treat, 771 Broadway.

The Medical News' Visiting List, 1888. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia.

This list, which is arranged for thirty patients a week, is all that could be desired. The general plan is excellent. It contains a vast amount of useful information, especially for emergencies, and gives good tables of doses and therapeutics. Those who possess it might do

worse than study the introductory pages carefully while waiting for the os to dilate in labor, or during other moments of leisure.

Text-Book of Therapeutics and Materia Medica.

Intended for the use of Students and Practitioners. By ROBERT T. EDES, A.B., M.D. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1887.

This is a new work on therapeutics written especially for students who have not the time to master the larger works. The student will find within reasonable compass all that he requires in preparing for examinations. Dr. Edes was formerly Professor of Materia Medica and Jackson Professor of Clinical Medicine at Harvard University, and his experience as a teacher has enabled him to write a book that is "just what the student wants."

Diseases of the Female Urethra and Bladder.

By F. WINCKEL, M.D., of the Royal University, Munich; and

Diseases of the Vagina. By A. BREISKY, M.D., of the Royal University, Vienna. Edited by EGBERT H. GRANDIN, M.D., of New York. These two treatises constitute Vol. X. of "A Cyclopaedia of Obstetrics and Gynecology" (12 vols., price \$16.50), issued monthly during 1887. New York: William Wood & Co.

Dr. Winckel first gives an interesting historical retrospect of his subject, and then goes on to describe the anatomy, and the methods of examining the female urethra and bladder. He then takes up malformations and diseases of the urethra, including abnormal positions, new growths, neuralgias, etc., after which he treats in the same systematic way, diseases of the bladder.

Dr. Breisky follows pretty much the same plan in describing the diseases of the vagina. Both treatises are excellent in all respects, and form valuable additions to this admirable cyclopaedia.

Diseases of the Hair and Scalp. By GEORGE T. JACKSON, M.D. Pp. 355. New York: E. B. Treat, 771 Broadway.

This work is the only one that we know of entirely devoted to the study of the special diseases of the hair and scalp, and the author is to be congratulated on the success of his endeavors. The subject is handled systematically and with great clearness. It is divided