

small closed room, having a temperature of about 80° F., then generating sufficient heat to drive off copious fumes. This is continued for fifteen minutes, and repeated every hour; while after each application the room should be ventilated as much as possible without reducing its temperature. Dr. Hubbard writes, that after the use of this remedy so employed copious perspiration follows, the breathing becomes less stridulous, the mucus softer and more easily expectorated, and sleep generally is produced.

INFLAMMATION IN AND ABOUT THE HEAD OF THE COLON.—Dr. L. S. McMurtry, of Louisville, Ky. (*Med. Mirror*), thus concludes a paper on this subject:—1. Inflammation about the caput coli is, as a rule, inflammation of the appendix. 2. A certain proportion of cases will recover spontaneously by resolution. With these, recurrence of the disease is common. 3. In the larger proportion the disease will endanger life, and may at any moment assume a condition practically hopeless. 4. Early operative interference involves less danger than delay, and should be resorted to in all cases in which a high grade of inflammation is persistent. The essentials of the operative technique are brief anaesthesia, quick and thorough work, removal of the appendix, irrigation and drainage. The lateral incision is preferable to the median.

THE LOCAL USE OF OIL OF WINTERGREEN IN RHEUMATISM.—The *Mercredi Medical* mentions that Dr. Staples, of England, has, for the past four years, been using oil of wintergreen in the local treatment of rheumatic affections, sub-acute and chronic. He employs a liniment of equal parts of oil of wintergreen and olive oil, afterward keeping the member covered, and says that the pains disappear at the end of from four to six hours. It is, moreover, efficacious in the chronic form. Of over a hundred patients so treated, two only have received no benefit.

PEROXIDE OF HYDROGEN FOR CLEANING THE HANDS.—Noble (*Med. and Surg. Rep.*) advises the following method for rendering the hands aseptic: The nails are trimmed reasonably short, and the subungual spaces cleared with the knife blade. The hands and forearms are then thoroughly washed in warm water, a good lather

being made with soap, and a stiff nail-brush being vigorously applied. The water is renewed three times. The hands are next soaked in a saturated solution of permanganate of potassium, and this removed by soaking them in a saturated solution of oxalic acid. According to circumstances, the finger tips are then soaked in peroxide of hydrogen. For the final bath, corrosive sublimate solution, one to one thousand, is employed. The hands remain in the sublimate solution three minutes.

SUMMER DISTURBANCES OF CHILDREN.—In fermentative disorders of the alimentary canal in the young, middle-aged or old, Listerine has given most satisfactory results. In the summer diarrhoea of children, Dr. I. N. Love, of St. Louis, speaks very highly of it, given in combination with glycerine and simple syrup. A formula that I have time and again used—in fact, it has almost become routine with me of late years—is as follows:

R—Bismuth subnit., 3 ss.
Tr. opii, gtt. xx.
Syr. ipecac.,
Syr. rhei arom., āā 3 ij.
Listerine, 3 ss.
Mist. creta, 3 j.

M. Sig.—Teaspoonful as often as necessary, but not more frequently than every three or four hours. This for children about ten or twelve months old.—D. J. Roberts, M.D., in *South. Pract.*

CHLORAL VS. IODINE FOR INJECTING CAVITIES.—M. Marc See states that he has found a 10 per cent. solution of chloral hydrate to act equally as well as tincture of iodine as a coagulant for injecting hydroceles and other cavities, and to be devoid of the intense irritation and pain frequently caused by the latter. In hydroceles M. See injects about 30 gm. at once into the sac, repeating the operation two or three days later. He also uses the chloral solution as an injection in treating varicose veins, the introduction being made in the neighborhood of the varices.

ANTIPYRIN IN INFANTILE ENURESIS.—Dr. J. Bouisson (*Thèses de Lyon*) states that the effect of antipyrin in the treatment of the enuresis nocturna of childhood are “simply marvellous.” The remedy is exhibited in doses of 10 grains, repeated to the third time (30 grains in all), at intervals of one