

DISINFECTANT PROPERTIES OF COCAINE.—When cocaine is administered to the extent of 25 centigrammes or more daily, we soon notice that the various secretions and excretions—sweat, urine, breath, products of supuration, and even in the fœces—gradually lose their fœtidness, and even become quite odorless. From this fact, the clinical application is apparent, for we need no longer dread the dangers from carbolic acid, sublimate, etc. It is in the typhoid fever, at the adynamic period, with intestinal ulceration and fœtid diarrhœa, that the new disinfectant is indicated. Benefit will accrue from the double property of the agent as an antiseptic and neurasthenic tonic.—Dr. Luton, in *Gazette Med. du Nord-Est*.

COCAINE IN RACICAL CURE OF HYDROCELE.—At the Society of Medicine of Paris, M. Dubuc reported successful operations for hydrocele, rendered painless by injecting a solution of cocaine after evacuating the contents of the tumor. Care was taken to cause the cocaine solution to come in contact with all parts of the sac. After eight minutes the solution was allowed to escape, and iodine solution injected. The following formulæ were used:—

Hydrochlorate of cocaine, 30 centigrammes; distilled water, 30 grammes; Boracic acid, pure, 90 centigrammes.

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Tinct. iodine, 40 grammes; Iodide of potash, 1½ grammes; distilled water, 40 grammes.—m.

HAGER'S CATARRH REMEDY.—This now somewhat celebrated mixture has, according to Dr. Herman Hager, the originator, this composition:—

R.—Acidi carbolic; alcoholis, aa part. x; aquæ ammon, part. xij; aquæ destillat, part. xx.

Take two-ounce wide-mouthed bottles, fill them to one-third this mixture; then introduce a bunch of absorbent

cotton of sufficient size to soak up all the liquid and cork. This is to be used in incipient cold in the head, chronic catarrh, corvza, etc.—*Register*.

DR. NITZE, of Berlin, has devised an instrument he calls a kystoscope, for viewing the cavity of the bladder, combining an ingeniously arranged electric light with an endoscope.

This was tried by Von Bergmann in a case of tumor of the bladder, and spoken of with much praise, as being easily introduced, and not distending the urethra or neck of the bladder, more than a large-sized catheter, and in his case not occasioning any hemorrhage. The bladder is made to contain a certain quantity of transparent fluid, thus opening the folds of its mucous membrane, and allowing all portions of its surface to be brought into view. The field at once visible is as large as a silver dollar; and by changing the position of the mirror in the kystoscope, the entire surface may be quickly inspected, and any abnormal condition disclosed. By the use of cocaine its use is rendered painless, and danger from heat is obviated by a circulating current of cold water.

It is expected by this instrument to supersede incisions and severe procedures for purely diagnostic purposes, and to enable one to view the actual state of the cavity of the bladder, and the size and shape of the tumors or stones within.

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