

Acne.—H. Buchholtz (*Ber. Clin. Wochen*) has used a powder consisting of equal parts of yeast and boric acid with success. The skin is softened and then a thin layer of the salve is rubbed thoroughly in once a day. Sometimes the powder was made with two parts of yeast to one of boric acid.

Uterine Hemorrhages.—Focke (*Ther. der Gegen.*) states that for uterine hemorrhages without an organic base, digitalis is a powerful aid to the local measures applied, being particularly useful in hemorrhages during a pregnancy. It is also very useful in recurring menorrhagia in the young and the elderly: in fact in all cases in which the uterus is apparently sound, but disturbance in circulation causing transient congestion. Focke has used digitalis in one hundred cases in the last fourteen years. In excessive or too frequent menstrual hemorrhage he commences a week before the anticipated period. Coffee must be dropped, as it appears to counteract the effect of digitalis.

Dyspnea.—J. A. Groher (*Deut. Med. Wochen*) contributes an article, the tenth of the series, on sudden threatening conditions confronting the physician who has no previous knowledge of the patient. No matter how pressing the danger in dyspnea, the physician must give to it a brief study before applying symptomatic treatment. Removal of the cause must be the first consideration. Examine the throat directly, by laryngoscope, and finger, keeping in mind infection from diphtheria through a bite. The finger may discover retropharyngeal abscesses, edema of glottis or spasm of vocal cords, while the finger may cause by retching the expulsion of false membrane, foreign body, etc. If the dyspnea comes from pleuritic effusion or pneumothorax puncture. If of cardio-vascular origin, intravenous injection of digitalis; in anemia, oxygen or transfusion of blood. In venous congestion, venesection. If secretions in the bronchial tubes, ipecac or antimony and potassium tartrate in not too small doses every ten minutes may be needed. Cooling baths followed by a cool douche has an excellent expectorating effect, acting especially on the finer ramifications. In very severe attacks, narcotics. In frightened patients, the physician's suggestions for deep breathing help, as well as cold applications to the chest, rubbing, etc.