

under several physicians, who had tried all kinds of remedies, but nothing stopped the sickness. When seen by the author she was in the seventh month of pregnancy, and very much reduced. Before resorting to the induction of premature labor, it was decided to try the effects of small doses of chloride of sodium—common salt. It was given in five-grain doses in one ounce of chloroform water. After the first dose the sickness was lessened, and by the time six doses had been taken it had entirely ceased. It was found necessary to continue the medicine three times a day up to the time of delivery. The patient had a good labor and made a good recovery. In another case a similar treatment was followed by the same result. The action of this drug seems to be accounted for by its strong antacid properties, for in the case of both patients the secretions were very acid, yet soda, potash, and ammonia gave no benefit. The author suggests that the salt be called by its chemical title when prescribed, as some patients might despise the remedy if given as common salt.

FOR INCONTINENCE OF URINE in children, due to exposure to cold, Prof. Hare recommended the following treatment :

Where the urine is high colored and concentrated, and the child has fever, give :

- R.—Tinct. aconit., . . . gtt. xij. to xxiv.
- Spirit. etheris nitrosi., f3 ij. to iv.
- Liq. potassii citratis., ad f5 vj.—M.

Sig.—A dessertspoonful every three hours.

After the urine has become more dilute, belladonna can be given with advantage, to allay the irritation and spasm of the bladder.

Or when the incontinence is due to paralysis of the bladder, give :

- R.—Extract nucis vomicæ, . . . gr. ij.
- Acid. arseniosi, gr. ʒ.
- M.—Fiant pill. xx.

Sig.—One pill three times a day.

THE removal of the coccyx in operations for the removal of a cancerous rectum, is gaining in favor with Surgeons (*Detroit Emerg. Hosp. Rep.*) The increased facility of action which it gives to the sound parts of the bowel above the seat of the disease, is the great point in its favor. A very neat and efficient operation can be made through a straight incision over the coccyx, terminating in an incision which encircles the anus. If carried

deep enough the incision permits the removal of the coccyx and the lower three or four inches of the bowel ; easily all that portion of it below the peritoneum. When this wound is healed the patient often has good control over the contents of the bowels.

TREATMENT OF ACUTE BRONCHITIS.—Simple cases usually recover (*Dr. Canfield, Therap. Gaz.*) under the use of a good expectorant mixture, such as :

- R.—Ammon. muriat. ʒss.
- Mist. glycyrrhiz, Co. ʒiv.

M.—Sig.—Dessertspoonful every three or four hours.

When the secretions are abundant, and not easily coughed up, a turpentine emulsion is excellent. For instance :

- R.—Ol. terebinth. ʒij to ʒiij.
- Muc. acaciæ. q. s.
- Aq. cinnamon. ʒi.
- Aquæ, q. s. ad. ʒvj.

M.—Sig.—Tablespoonful in water every four hours.

Sometimes the cough is of such an irritating character that expectorant measures avail little. Some narcotic must then be used. Codeine has not the disadvantages of morphine, and is efficient.

A good combination is :

- R.—Codeine sulphat. gr. viij.
- Syr. prun. virgin. ʒviij.

M.—Sig.—Tablespoonful in water three or four times per day, and at bed-time if necessary

GRATITUDE.—A physician in this vicinity (*Boston Med. and Surg. Jour.*), was recently called to a family which he found in such destitute circumstances that he gave, in addition to his prescription, a five dollar bill. Happening in the next day, he discovered that his gift had been thus spent : three dollars to the priest, and two dollars to get another doctor.

MENORRHAGIA.—E. E. Philips (*Med. Summary*).

- R.—Tinct. cannabis indica, gtt. xxx.
- Mucilage
- Spts. chloroform, āā ʒ i.
- Aquæ, ad., ʒ ij.

M. Sig.—Take a tablespoonful every three hours. A few doses are sufficient.

APPOINTMENTS.—The following gentlemen have been appointed as assistant resident physicians to