

tion is concerned, it is hoped, and we believe expected, that he will recover; but it is impossible to foretell what will be the state of the genital organs when they have been submitted to the processes of granulation and cicatrisation."

Mr. Hutchison performed lithotomy at the London Hospital recently in a case which is possibly unique. The patient, a labouring man, stated that whilst drunk he had lost a No. 10 flexible catheter, and that he believed that he had passed it into his bladder. His story seemed almost incredible, but the operation proved it to be quite correct. The catheter, a No. 10 with a large mount at the end, was removed whole. The exact manner of its introduction is not known, but possibly the man had employed the stylet to push it down.

THE INTERNAL USE OF CARBOLIC ACID IN SKIN DISEASE.—At the Vienna Medical Society, Dr. Kohn gave an account of the internal employment of carbolic acid by Professor Hebra. The most remarkable effects were produced, hyperæmia disappearing, and the irritation being relieved. Trials have as yet only been made in psoriasis, prurigo, pityriasis, and pruritus cutaneus. It is best administered in the form of pills, increased from six grains to twenty grains per diem. The solution is repulsive to most patients.—*Wiener Med. Woch.*

MODERN HOMŒOPATHY.

It is only rarely that we have room for reports from homœopathic practitioners. But we do give place with pleasure to the following extract from the proceedings of the Cleveland Homœopathic Medical Society recently held in that city.

"Dr. S. R. Beckwith asked if the members had any experience to report on the use of bromide of potassium in epilepsy; said it was a pretty sure remedy, given in sensible doses. He related several cases favourably affected by its use.

Dr. P. Wilson reported that late clinical reports had shown that in bad cases of epilepsy it was safe to give as high as sixty grains of bromide of potassium three times daily, that such doses caused temporary insanity which might be continued many weeks, and yet disappear on ceasing to use the medicine."

The report was accepted.

This is modern homœopathy. The reports of the London Homœo-