

Chloroform in Colic.—Dr. Aran, of Paris, has found chloroform in doses of from ten to twenty drops a most excellent remedy in colic, particularly in lead colic. He asserts that 150 drops may be safely administered in twenty-four hours, as chloroform is quickly eliminated from the system.—*lb.*

Colchicum in the Cerebral Symptoms of Scarlatina.—Drs. Babington and Hughes, after long experience, are convinced that when the brain symptoms, which are so generally fatal, supervene during the convalescence of children from scarlet fever, there is no remedy more efficacious than colchicum.—*lb.*

PERISCOPE.

Quinine in Cholera Infantum. By J. U. Heckerman, M.D., Tiffin County, Ohio.—In the May number of the Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery, I have noticed an article by G. W. Booth, on the use of Quiniae in Cholera Infantum, in which the writer states that, in many instances, the article named, has, in his hands, proven superior to every other therapeutic agent.

To this statement of Dr. Booth's I wish, through the pages of the *Lancet*, to add my testimony in regard to the utility of the mentioned drug, in Cholera Infantum and kindred diseases. I first commenced the use of quinine in hyperemic affections of the alimentary canal in children, simply as a tonic, after well marked symptoms of debility had appeared, and found it not only to answer the immediate end for which it was prescribed, but in most instances (when given in any thing like a decided dose,) to act like a charm, in permanently arresting the morbid discharges, which hitherto had either resisted the control of the more ordinary remedies, or returned after having been thereby checked. I am now in the habit of prescribing quinine, in connexion with other remedies, in almost every case of cholera infantum to which I am called; and so far from having occasion to change my course, I can say that since its adoption, (1851,) I have not only not lost a single patient, but have stripped the disease of its terrors, and cut off, what is often, under the usual plan of treatment, a protracted and serious disorder.

Indeed, if, in the treatment of these diseases, I were to be robbed of every therapeutic agent, and then permitted to select a single one, I should, without hesitation, choose the article that forms the subject of this paper.

The preparation of quinine which I prefer, is the sulphate given in solution with Acid. Sulph. dilut, to which I may or may not, add small portions of aa Tinct. Opii and Ipecac, directing therewith Calomel, in from ss. gr. to gr. ii doses, tris per diem. Under the above plan of treatment, the average duration of the disease, in my hands, is from two to four days. It may be suggested that the main agent in the cures occurring in my practice, are to be found in the Opii, Calomel, Ipecac, &c. but I feel satisfied that my success is unequivocally greater since I began